



Greatest head count in U.S. history is nearly ready for launch

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ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — With

just a few months left before America starts taking its biggest-ever self-portrait, the U.S. Census Bureau is grappling with a host of concerns about the head count, including how to ensure that it is secure and accurate and the challenge of getting most people to answer questions online.

All of that is on top of the main attention-grabber of the 2020 census so far — a citizenship question that was nixed by the Supreme Court, dropped by the Trump administration, resuscitated briefly and then abandoned again.



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Beginning early next year, residents from Barrow, Alaska, to Key West, Florida, will be quizzed on their sex, age, race, the type of home they have and how they are related to everyone living with them. At stake is the balance of political power in a deeply divided country, billions of dollars a year in federal funding and population data that will shape business decisions nationwide for years to come. Costing as much as \$15.6 billion, the once-a-decade census not only captures the United States at a given moment — in this case April 1, 2020, officially. But it is perhaps the only thing every U.S. household is legally required to participate in regardless of who lives there. Counting some 330 million heads is the largest peace-

time operation the federal government undertakes. The Census Bureau hires a half million workers, opens around 250 offices and mails out a multitude of forms in English and 12 other languages to more than 130 million households. "The kind of scale we're talking about to count this nation is massive, massive," Democratic Rep. Darren Soto of Florida said recently. A census has taken place in the U.S. every decade since 1790, and contentious legal fights about it are nothing new. But the Trump administration's attempt to add the citizenship question triggered lawsuits that carried the issue all the way to the Supreme Court. Opponents of the question said it would have discouraged participation by minorities, primarily Hispanics, who tend to support Dem-

ocrats. The Republican administration argued that the question would have helped enforce the Voting Rights Act, a rationale that seemed "contrived" to Chief Justice John Roberts in his majority opinion. President Donald Trump later said the question was needed to help draw congressional districts, even though the Constitution mandates districts based on total population, not the number of citizens. After the administration abandoned the question, Trump directed federal agencies to compile the information in other ways. That ensured the controversy would continue and raised the possibility that it still might affect the count. Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham, a Trump appointee, acknowledged the challenge but vowed to conduct "the best census ever, one that is complete and accurate." Adriana Ibarra, a 43-year-old doctoral student from Mexico living in Memphis under a temporary visa, said the chilling effect lingers. She said immigrants who are in the country illegally and others may shy away because they do not feel included in decisions made in their communities anyway. "There's a feeling that their voice, their vote, their presence does not substantially affect the situation or the course the country is taking," she said. The census determines which states gain congressional seats and which lose them. Election Data Services, a firm that consults on redistricting, estimates that Texas could gain as many as three seats and Florida two. Arizona, Colorado, Montana, North Carolina and Oregon could add one each. New York is expected to lose two seats. Alabama,



In this Aug. 22, 2019, photo, people walk through New York's Times Square.

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Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and West Virginia are expected to lose one apiece. California and Minnesota could also lose seats, but if the citizenship question had been included, experts projected smaller gains in Florida, Texas and Arizona and a more likely loss in California. The count is also used to map districts for state legislatures, city councils and school boards, and to determine the flow of federal money to state and local governments. George Washington University's Andrew Reamer estimated that as much as \$900 billion a year in federal funding is tied to the census in some way. Reamer calculates that each person missed in the census would cost a state an average of nearly \$1,100 a year under five Department of Health and Human Services programs, including Medicaid. The impact would be biggest in Vermont, at \$2,300, and smallest in Utah, at roughly \$500. For the first time, the Census Bureau is relying in 2020 on most respondents answering questions via computer, tablet or smartphone. Respondents can also call a phone number to give their answers. Those who don't respond will receive paper

questionnaires in the mail. If all those methods fail, the bureau will send out "enumerators" to knock on doors. The agency intends to spread the word about its "internet first" approach. Census officials envision clergy asking churchgoers to take out their cellphones to answer questions before services and announcers nudging fans at baseball games. Leaders of some minority groups worry that the reliance on the internet risks undercounting people less likely to be online: low-income households, immigrants and elderly and rural residents. Other historically undercounted groups include Native Americans, renters and people whose primary language isn't English. Owners of multiple homes are among the most likely to be double-counted. Some experts say the online approach should have been tested more. The only end-to-end test was done in Providence, Rhode Island, last year after two other tests were scaled back to save money. The rate of people responding on their own was higher than expected at 52.3 percent, but the bureau is aiming for 60.5 percent in 2020. Cybersecurity worries also persist. □

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New Jersey court ruling lets assisted suicide go ahead

By MIKE CATALINI

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey can move ahead with a new law allowing terminally ill patients to seek life-ending drugs, a state appeals court ruled Tuesday, overturning a lower

But Judge Paul Innes put a hold on the law Aug. 14. Glassman, a medical doctor practicing in New Jersey and whose suit identified him as an Orthodox Jew, had argued the law could compel him to violate his

seventh state allowing the practice. Maine enacted a similar law in June, becoming the eighth. Two doctors must sign off on the request for life-ending drugs under the law. And the terminally ill patient

must be deemed an adult resident of New Jersey who can make such a decision and voluntarily expresses a wish to die. The law mandates patients request the medication twice and says they must

have an opportunity to the decision back. At least one of the requests must be in writing and signed by two witnesses. In 1997, Oregon became the first state to provide an end-of-life option. □



In this Aug. 14, 2019 file photo, New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy speaks to reporters in Newark, N.J.

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court's temporary hold on the law. Judges Carmen Messano and Arnold Natali ruled Tuesday that a state Superior Court "abused its discretion" in blocking the law earlier this month. "We conclude the court failed to consider adequately the interests of qualified terminally-ill patients, who the Legislature determined have clearly prescribed rights to end their lives consistent with the Act," the appeals court wrote in its opinion. Rich Grohmann, an attorney for Dr. Yosef Glassman who brought the lawsuit, says they're appealing to the state Supreme Court. New Jersey's Medical Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act took effect Aug. 1.

religious and professional morals. But the appeals court was unconvinced, saying Glassman didn't have standing to assert his claims on behalf of other doctors, patients or interested family members. "We fail to discern how the administrative function of transferring those documents constitutes a matter of constitutional import, or an act contrary to a physician's professional obligations," the court wrote. Grohmann declined to comment beyond saying his client was awaiting word on whether the state Supreme Court would take up the case. Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy signed the bill in April, making New Jersey the

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In this July 17, 2019, file photo, three migrants who had managed to evade the Mexican National Guard and cross the Rio Grande onto U.S. territory walk along a border wall set back from the geographical border, in El Paso, Texas, as seen from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Associated Press

U.S. moves FEMA, Coast Guard money to fund border programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Department of Homeland Security is moving \$271 million from other agencies such as FEMA and the U.S. Coast Guard to increase the number of beds for detained immigrants and support its policy forcing asylum seekers to wait in Mexico while their cases play out.

The news comes as hurricane season is ramping up and Tropical Storm Dorian is heading toward Puerto Rico.

The sprawling 240,000-person Homeland Security Department includes the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Coast Guard and the new Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency in addition to immigration agencies.

It is not uncommon for unassigned funds to be transferred between agencies under the same department as the fiscal year ends. Last year around the same time, about \$200 million was transferred, including \$10 million from FEMA that prompted major criticism from Democrats.

Homeland Security officials said in a statement Tuesday they would transfer \$155 million to create temporary facilities along the U.S.-Mexico border for holding hearings with the aim of moving asylum cases through the system faster. The government has sent more than 30,000 people back to Mexico to wait out their immigration cases in an effort to deter migrants from making a dangerous journey to the U.S. and ease the crush of families from Central America that has vastly strained the system. Asylum seekers generally had been released into the U.S. and allowed to work, but many Trump administration officials believe migrants take advantage of the laws and stop showing up to court. Lawyers for migrants waiting in Mexico have reported major problems reaching clients and getting them to the U.S. for their hearings. And some of the locations in Mexico

where migrants are sent are violent and unsafe.

The money will come out of unobligated money from the base disaster relief fund at FEMA, lawmakers said.

Democratic House members strongly disagreed and accused DHS of going around their specific appropriations.

The chairwoman of the House Appropriations homeland security subcommittee, Lucille Roybal-Allard of California, said the reprogramming would support "inhumane" programs and take away necessary funding for other agencies. "I am greatly concerned that during the course of this administration, there has been a growing disconnect between the will of Congress ... and the implementation of the Department's immigration enforcement operations," she said in a statement.

House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson, a Mississippi Democrat, said DHS was flouting congressional intent. "Taking money away from TSA and from FEMA in the middle of hurricane season could have deadly consequences," he said.

Homeland Security officials will also transfer \$116 million to fund detention bed space for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Congress allocated 45,000 beds for detention, but as of Aug. 24, ICE was detaining 54,344 people. Congress specifically did not authorize additional ICE funding for detention beds when it approved an emergency supplemental funding request of about \$1.3 billion from Homeland Security to manage the huge increase in migrants. □

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Federal judge blocks Missouri's 8-week abortion ban

By SUMMER BALLENTINE and MARGARET STAFFORD

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A new Missouri ban on abortions at or after eight weeks of pregnancy won't take effect Wednesday after a federal judge temporarily blocked it from being implemented.

U.S. District Judge Howard Sachs put a pause on the law as a legal challenge against it plays out in court, which could take months. He added that Planned Parenthood and the American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri likely will succeed in their lawsuit alleging that the law is unconstitutional. Similar laws have been struck down in North Dakota and Iowa.

Missouri already has some of the nation's most restrictive abortion regulations. A clinic in St. Louis is the only one in the state that performs abortions.

Sachs' ruling says allowing the eight-week abortion ban to be enforced would have blocked about half of reported abortions in Missouri. The judge wrote that it would amount to "significant interference with plaintiffs' service and the rights of its prospective patients."

The law includes exceptions for medical emergencies, but not for rape or incest.

Missouri lawmakers expected a court challenge and included a series of less-re-

strictive bans ranging from 14 weeks up to 20 weeks in the measure in hopes that one would be upheld. But it's unclear if any of the bans on abortions before fetuses are viable outside the womb, which can be from 24 to 28 weeks, will stick.

Sachs wrote that it's "highly likely that the listed weekly time limits on abortions will be ruled invalid."

He will allow one portion of the policy to take effect: a ban on abortions based solely on race, sex or a diagnosis indicating the potential for Down syndrome. He wrote that abortions based on Down syndrome would be "somewhat rare, given the window of time needed for adequate testing and consultation."

Planned Parenthood vowed to fight to block that portion of the law, too. "Although we are grateful today's ruling allows us to provide care to some Missourians, we will continue to defend the truth: EVERY reason to have an abortion is a valid reason," said Colleen McNicholas, chief medical officer for Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region.

The decision to allow that portion of the law to be enforced was lauded by Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt, a Republican whose office is responsible for defending the law in court.

"As the father of a child



In this June 21, 2019, file photo, a motorist enters Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri.

Associated Press

with special needs, Attorney General Schmitt is particularly sensitive to suggestions that an unborn child who will have special needs is any lesser of a human being, and we're glad that provisions relating to that issue were left in place in the judge's ruling today," spokesman Chris Nuelle said in a statement.

Republican Gov. Mike Parsons, who signed the law in May, said in a statement that he's "encouraged that today's court ruling upheld the anti-discrimination provisions of the law, and we look forward to litigating the remaining issues."

Attorneys for the state can

appeal Sachs' ruling. Nuelle said the attorney general's office is reviewing the full ruling and determining what steps to take next.

State attorneys have argued that courts have allowed limits on abortions based on the gestational age of the fetus. In court documents, they told the judge that the state's goal is "protecting fetal life" as well as protecting women. During a court hearing Monday, Missouri Solicitor General John Sauer's argument centered on his contention that Planned Parenthood and the ACLU do not have standing to challenge the law.

Missouri's law also includes an outright ban on abortions except in cases of medical emergencies, but that would take effect only if Roe v. Wade is overturned.

The St. Louis Planned Parenthood affiliate clinic, the only one in Missouri that provides abortions, is fighting to have its license renewed. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services refused to renew the St. Louis clinic's license in July, saying inspectors found several problems in March that included three "failed abortions" requiring additional surgeries. □

Alaska's licensed marijuana growers cite tax concerns

By BECKY BOHRER

Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Alaska marijuana grower Leif Abel considers his business successful but still feels like he's living "paycheck to paycheck" much of the time.

A greenhouse expansion is behind schedule, and he said the company could have hired more crews to work on it if taxes and other expenses weren't so high.

"We don't have enough of a cushion where we could comfortably have a crop failure, and that's not a very safe place for a cultivation company to be," said Abel, an owner of Greatland Ganja in the Kenai Peninsula community of Kasilof.

Abel is among a number of Alaska pot growers who have struggled to pay the state's \$50-per-ounce cannabis tax as marijuana prices have tumbled. He said he's paid his taxes on time, but it hasn't always been easy.

Forty-five growers in the state are delinquent, compared to six a year ago, according to figures provided by Alaska's Department of Revenue. For the June tax filing period, more than 160 growers had filed a tax return with the state.

The cannabis tax is imposed on cultivators when pot is sold or transferred from a grow facility to a retail shop or product manufacturer. There is a lesser tax rate for immature bud and trimmings.

Among states that have legalized recreational can-



Alaska marijuana grower Dane Wyrick poses for photos at his Danish Gardens cultivation and retail location in Anchorage, Alaska, Monday, Aug. 26, 2019.

Associated Press

nabis, Alaska is the only one whose tax structure is built solely on a fixed dollar amount paid by growers, according to information compiled by the Pew Charitable Trusts, a public policy organization. Alaska has no statewide sales tax, though some municipalities, like Anchorage, levy their own sales tax on weed.

By comparison, California has a fixed dollar amount cultivators must pay and has a 15% tax on retail sales. Local governments in that state can add a levy on top of the state tax on retail sales. Nevada has a percentage-based tax that also applies to growers.

In Alaska, the total amount of late taxes due, with accruing penalties and interest, is about \$1 million, according to the department. "When you get into a hole,

it's really hard to get out when the holes keep getting deeper underneath you," said Jana Weltzin, an attorney who represents Alaska cannabis interests.

When the industry first started, prices were around \$4,000 a pound (0.45 kilogram), said Cary Carrigan, executive director of the Alaska Marijuana Industry Association, a trade group. They have settled around \$2,300 a pound, he said.

While the price was expected to decline, "no one anticipated that the floor would drop that low, to the point where if you paid your taxes on time you would not have enough money to pay your employees or your electric bill or something else would suffer," he said. "That's why there are so many delinquencies and people that are working on

tax payment programs."

The tax generated anticipated revenue of about \$1.8 million for the state in June. Three-quarters of state pot revenue is intended to be used for recidivism programs and a marijuana education and treatment fund.

Kelly Mazzei, excise tax manager with the Revenue Department, in a letter to marijuana regulators earlier this year called the number of late accounts alarming. The tax debt doesn't go away if a business goes under, she told The Associated Press.

Many in the industry blame the tax, though some also see an unlimited number of licensees as part of the problem. Oregon officials cited that state's issue with unlimited licenses after a massive oversupply of marijuana led to a freefall in prices.

Weltzin said Alaska is not in that situation yet, but it's a concern.

"Hopefully, we can get a system figured out where we have a more fair tax structure and a more stringent licensing process, so it will give value to our existing businesses but still encourage new business growth," she said.

Alaska's \$50-an-ounce (28 grams) tax was set by the 2014 voter initiative that legalized recreational marijuana for those 21 and older. While the initiative al-

lowed the state to establish lower rates for certain parts of the plant, which officials have done, a rewrite of the tax is considered up to the Legislature.

Surveys are planned to gauge industry representatives' thoughts, Carrigan said.

"We're trying to figure out ... where the sweet spot is with that," he said, with fairness among growers, retailers and manufacturers a key consideration.

Dane Wyrick said the future of his Anchorage cultivation and retail business is hazy after feeling squeezed by state taxes and other expenses. He said the tax, combined with production expenses and other factors, is too burdensome.

Some industry officials and advocates hope for a sympathetic ear in Alaska's Republican governor, Mike Dunleavy, who has adopted an open-for-business mantra.

Dunleavy frustrated the industry earlier this year by appointing to a marijuana regulatory board a woman who was involved in a failed effort to ban cannabis operations in Fairbanks. After lawmakers rejected the appointment, Dunleavy picked a former board member who supported the legalization effort and who Carrigan considers a good choice.

Assistant Commerce Commissioner Amy Demboski has convened a work group with industry interests, regulators and the Revenue Department to discuss what they see as business impediments, with taxes among the issues raised, Glenn Hoskinson, a special assistant to Commerce Commissioner Julie Anderson, said by email.

"This process is still in its infancy, so it's too early to know if there is going to be any proposal or anything of substance from this working group," Hoskinson wrote.

Carrigan sees this as an effort to move forward with the administration: "When somebody holds out an olive branch and wants to move forward, you don't slap their hand." □

Oklahoma group challenges move to block permitless carry law

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) —

The Oklahoma Second Amendment Association is challenging efforts that would put on hold a new permitless carry law until voters weigh in on the issue. The law passed earlier this year will allow Oklahoma residents to openly carry guns without a background check or training. The new law takes effect Nov. 1, but

efforts are now underway for a statewide referendum on the measure.

The Oklahoman reports that the association filed a legal challenge Monday to the wording of the referendum petition, calling it inaccurate and misleading. Second Amendment Association President Don Spencer called the statewide vote a waste of time.

"Citizens of the state of Oklahoma have been waiting on this for over 112 years and it's time for them to get their rights back," he said. "I say to the naysayers, I say to the individuals who cite the Second Amendment, who indicate they believe in the Constitution, what's more enshrined in the Constitution than the right to vote?" he said. □



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Dayton police work the scene of a crash on East Third Street involving a stolen Riverside police SUV in Dayton, Ohio, Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019.

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Police: Parolee crashes stolen police SUV, kills 2 girls

By JOHN SEEWER
Associated Press

A man released on parole from prison two weeks ago stole a police SUV near Dayton, Ohio, and crashed into a minivan filled with children, killing two 6-year-old girls, police said Tuesday.

Ten others were injured, including five children and the suspect. One child remained in critical condition, police said.

Dayton's police chief said that 32-year-old Raymond Walters was driving at nearly 100 mph (161 kph) in the stolen police cruiser through the city's downtown Monday night when he ran a red light and hit two vehicles.

The family in the minivan had just stopped at a library and was leaving when Walters slammed into them, police said. Six of those inside the minivan were from the same family and the other child was a relative, police said.

A coroner identified the two who died as Eleanor McBride, of Huber Heights, and Penelope Jasko, of

Dayton. They were cousins, the family's priest told the Dayton Daily News.

It all started when Walters stabbed his father and then took off in his father's pickup truck, said Police Chief Richard Biehl.

Walters' father was driving him to a hospital to undergo a mental health evaluation and when he found out he attacked his father, Biehl said.

Soon after driving off, Walters crashed in the neighboring suburb of Riverside and then he jumped into a Riverside police SUV that had responded to the crash, police said.

The officer had not known about the stabbing and had no reason to suspect that Walters might try to flee, said Riverside Police Chief Frank Robinson. The officer had used a stun gun while trying to get Walters out of the cruiser, Robinson said.

Dashcam video showed Walters driving backwards in the stolen cruiser and ramming into another Riverside cruiser before driving away. □



In this Monday, Aug. 26, 2019, photo, baked earth is shown along the receding edge of the Great Salt Lake near Antelope Island, Utah.

Associated Press

People across Southwest long for seasonal rainstorms

By FELICIA FONSECA
Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Across the Southwest, people are longing for seasonal rainstorms like a lost summer romance.

They're declaring their love online for the weather pattern that makes the scorching heat somewhat bearable in places like Phoenix and Las Vegas, and helps snuff out wildfires. They're peering out their windows for signs of storm clouds rolling in and calling sprinkles of rain a tease.

"I miss it," Flagstaff, Arizona, teacher Diane Immethun said wistfully. "I miss the joy of it, the feeling of the rain at night sometimes, not always, just hearing it on the roof, and the thunder and lightning in beautiful skies, gorgeous sunsets."

The monsoon season, characterized by a shift in wind patterns and moisture being pulled in from the tropical coast of Mexico, arrives like clockwork in mid-June and runs through September. Usually it means rain but not much has fallen this summer and the Southwest is parched.

The Flagstaff airport usu-

ally logs nearly 5.5 inches of rain by now has only seen one-fifth of that — the driest in 120 years. Las Vegas has barely recorded any rain. The city of St. George, Utah, had zero rain in July and August — far from the average 1.25 inches (2.75 cm).

The dryness stretching across the Four Corners region has hydrologists worried, although many places are still above-normal for precipitation because of a wet winter.

"I've heard the joke calling it the 'nonsoon' and that's really what we're seeing," said Royce Fontenot, a senior hydrologist with the weather service in Albuquerque, New Mexico. But people are not giving up hope.

Forecasters say some relief could come this week. The flirting started Tuesday as clouds began to build and thunder rumbled over some spots.

Meris Carmichael wants to lure the rain to Arizona in a tongue-and-cheek way. She has been encouraging people to wash their cars — a perverse weather promise to ruin a shiny auto exte-

rior with muddy raindrops. She also suggests scheduling an outdoor gathering because Murphy's Law has been known to bring inclement weather at the worst possible time. She's even hoping some call on the powers of the legendary vortexes in Sedona.

"All those things guarantee it's going to rain," Carmichael quipped.

The experts are offering their assurances too.

"It's not unheard of to have a wetter September, so it's certainly possible," said National Weather Service meteorologist Jaret Rogers.

"It will come," confides Tiffany Davila of the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management.

The summer rains usually account for the biggest percentage of moisture the desert regions get in a year. In mountainous Flagstaff, rainfall helps late-blooming wildflowers like black-eyed Susans flourish.

Without the rain, the threat of wildfires lingers, lake levels decline and outdoor plants need more TLC.

At the same time, the region is recording record high temperatures. □

UK opposition lawmakers join forces against no-deal Brexit

By **DANICA KIRKA**
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Opposition lawmakers declared Tuesday they will work together to try to stop a departure from the European Union without an agreement, setting up a legislative challenge to Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his promise to complete the divorce by Oct. 31— come what may. Some 160 lawmakers have signed a declaration pledging "to do whatever is necessary," to prevent Johnson from bypassing Parliament in his plans. Johnson's do-or-die promise has raised worries about a disorderly divorce that would see new tariffs on trade and border checks between Britain and the EU, seriously disrupting business.

"The Prime Minister needs to respect Parliament and understand the role of Parliament is to question and challenge the executive," the main opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn said.

Johnson has refused to rule out suspending Parliament, saying it was up to lawmak-



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson gestures as he speaks during a press conference on the third and final day of the G-7 summit in Biarritz, France Monday, Aug. 26, 2019.

Associated Press

ers to carry out the decision of the 2016 referendum to leave the EU and that the public is "yearning for a moment when Brexit comes off the front pages."

But the opposition is objecting to the direction of travel. The Labour Party, the Scottish National Party, Liberal Democrats, Plaid Cymru, the Green Party and the Independent Group for

Change said Johnson has shown himself "open to using anti-democratic means to force through no-deal." During a meeting Tuesday at the site where Parliament met during World War II, the lawmakers signed what they called the Church House Declaration, demanding to be heard.

"Shutting down Parliament would be an undemocrat-

ic outrage at such a crucial moment for our country, and a historic constitutional crisis," the declaration said. "Any attempt to prevent Parliament sitting, to force through a no-deal Brexit, will be met by strong and widespread democratic resistance."

Johnson has told European Union officials it won't be possible to stop Britain's de-

parture from the trading bloc without the removal of controversial language about a "backstop" to avoid the return of a border between EU member Ireland and Britain's Northern Ireland.

He said at the close of the G-7 summit in Biarritz, France, Monday that he was "marginally more optimistic," of progress.

"But, remember that all statistical estimates that I give about the chances of a deal—whether they are expressed in odds of millions to one, or getting closer, or hotter or colder, or whatever—they all depend exclusively on the willingness of our friends and partners to compromise on that crucial point and to get rid of the backstop and the current withdrawal agreement," he said.

Johnson last week tried to persuade the leaders of Germany and France to support his vision. They have responded by challenging Johnson to show he can come up with a better alternative, putting the onus on him to come up with the ideas. □

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Sudanese activists say tribal clashes killed 37 in port city

CAIRO (AP) — An eastern Sudanese port city remained volatile after tribal clashes last week killed at least 37 people, including a child, activists said.

The fighting in Port Sudan, in the Red Sea province, erupted last Thursday between the Bani Amer tribe and the displaced Nuba tribe.

The Sudan Doctors Committee said late Monday at least 17 people of the 37 were killed by gunshots. More than 200 were wounded, including children.

The clashes came just days after the formation of a power-sharing government by the pro-democracy movement and the generals who overthrew the country's longtime auto-



In this Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2019 file photo, Sudan's new Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok speaks during a press conference in Khartoum, Sudan.

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crat Omar al-Bashir. Sudan's new joint military-civilian council on Sunday declared a state of emergency in Port Sudan, deployed troops to the area and sacked the provincial governor and its top security official. □



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Sudan urges UN to withdraw all peacekeepers by June 2020

By EDITH M. LEDERER

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Sudan urged the U.N. Security Council on Monday to lift its suspension of troop withdrawals and ensure all peacekeepers leave Darfur by June 2020, but the African Union said overall security in the vast western region "remains volatile." Sudan's U.N. Ambassador Omer Mohamed Siddig told the council it's time to shift from peacekeeping to peacebuilding in Darfur, and to end restrictions on the government's movement of arms and troops in and out of the region. In late June, the Security Council voted unanimously to put the brakes on the withdrawal of the joint U.N.-African Union peacekeeping force from Darfur as the country dealt with a political crisis. It extended the mandate of the force, known as UNAMID, until Oct. 31, and it asked the



Members of the United Nations Security Council discuss situations in Sudan and South Sudan during a meeting Monday, Aug. 26, 2019, at U.N. headquarters as Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix is seen on a screen.

Associated Press

U.N. and AU to make recommendations by Sept. 30 on what the council should do about continuing the withdrawal.

The Darfur conflict began in 2003 when ethnic Africans rebelled, accusing the Arab-dominated Sudanese government of discrimina-

tion. The government in Khartoum was accused of retaliating by arming local nomadic Arab tribes and unleashing them on civilian

populations — a charge it denies. In recent years, as the result of a successful government military campaign, the rebellion has been reduced to a rebel Sudan Liberation Army faction headed by Abdul Wahid Elnur in Jebel Marra. In July 2018, the Security Council voted to dramatically cut the UNAMID force in response to reduced fighting and improved security conditions. The target for ending the mission is June 30, 2020. Smail Chergui, the AU commissioner for peace and security, told the council that Darfur still faces "intermittent armed clashes" between government forces and Elnur's rebels, who also have abducted civilians and staff of nongovernmental organizations for ransom, robbed commercial trucks and looted property of local media and humanitarian organizations. □

Passenger at Munich airport held after bypassing security

BERLIN (AP) — Authorities at Munich airport detained a passenger who left a terminal via an emergency exit instead of going through passport control, prompting a temporary partial shutdown of one of Germany's busiest airports Tuesday. Police said the incident had been a mistake and the man is unlikely to face any consequences. Up to 5,000 passengers were affected by the disruption as federal police searched for the unnamed

passenger, Munich Airport spokesman Robert Wilhelm said. Terminal 1 and parts of Terminal 2 were closed during the police operation. They were re-opened a few hours later. Some 190 incoming and outgoing flights were canceled, German news agency dpa reported. Affected passengers, who had already been through security checks for their departing flights, had to go through the process again, Wilhelm said.

Munich airport is one of Germany's busiest aviation hubs and the shutdown came during peak summer travel season. The passenger was identified by police as a Spanish man, between 20 and 25, who had flown in from Bangkok and was to catch a connecting flight to Madrid. Before boarding the connecting flight the passenger had to go through security controls, but instead opened an emergency door and left through it despite setting off an alarm. □



People wait inside the Munich Airport in Munich, Germany, Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019.

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Israel's shadow war with Iran bursts into the open

JERUSALEM (AP) — The long shadow war between Israel and Iran has burst into the open in recent days, with Israel allegedly striking Iran-linked targets as far away as Iraq and crash-landing two drones in Hezbollah-dominated southern Beirut. These incidents, along with an air raid in Syria that Israel says thwarted an imminent Iranian drone attack, have raised tensions at a particularly fraught time.

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is looking to project strength three weeks before national elections, while Iran has taken a series of provocative actions in recent months aimed at pressuring European nations to provide relief from crippling U.S. sanctions.

Hassan Nasrallah, leader of the Iran-backed Hezbollah, vowed to retaliate after a drone crashed on the militant group's Beirut media office and another exploded midair early Sunday. Israeli forces along the border with Lebanon are on high alert, raising fears of a repeat of the 2006 war. Netanyahu has warned Nasrallah to "relax," saying Israel "knows how to defend itself and how to pay back its enemies."

The Israeli leader has also addressed Gen. Qassem Soleimani, head of Iran's elite Quds Force and the architect of its regional entrenchment, telling him to "be careful with your words and be even more careful with your actions." Israel said Soleimani masterminded the alleged drone attack. Another commander in Iran's Revolutionary Guard, Gen. Mohsen Reza-



In this Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2019 file photo, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivers a speech in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Associated Press

ei, dismissed the Israeli allegations as a "lie."

Israel has also blamed Iran for recent rocket fire from the Gaza Strip, and on Monday struck a Palestinian base in Lebanon near the Syrian border.

Israel views Iran as its greatest threat, and has hailed President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the 2015 nuclear deal and re-impose sanctions. But Netanyahu may fear the U.S. is moderating that approach after Trump said there's a "really good chance" he could meet with Iran's president. The two close allies already appear to be at odds over recent strikes on Iran-linked militias in Iraq. In a rare move, U.S. officials acknowledged that Israel was behind at least one of the strikes, and the Pentagon pointedly distanced itself from the Iraq strikes, saying U.S. forces were not in-

involved.

None of the parties is believed to be seeking war, but the potential for miscalculation could lead to a regional conflagration.

ISRAEL

Israel says it is responding to increasingly aggressive moves by Iran and seeking to roll back its regional entrenchment. As Netanyahu fights for an unprecedented fifth term in the Sept. 17 elections, he is eager to display his security credentials and discuss what many Israelis see as his signature achievement — countering Iran and its nuclear program.

Israel has carried out hundreds of airstrikes against Iran-backed forces in Syria since the civil war began in 2011. In recent months it has gone increasingly public with the campaign, immediately confirming the kinds of strikes it used to rarely acknowledge.

Even Netanyahu's political opponents support the operations, which are aimed at preventing Iran from establishing a permanent military presence on the Syrian frontier. But they have questioned his motives in making them public, with some accusing him of grandstanding, in what they suggest is an attempt to win over voters ahead of the elections.

"There is definitely a more aggressive line now, even if Israel isn't saying so officially," said Amos Harel, an Israeli military analyst. "Part of it has to do with the increased Iranian efforts and part of it has to do with all the other considerations." Netanyahu's opponents have hammered him for refusing to strike harder at the Islamic militant group Hamas after recent rocket fire from Gaza. Netanyahu also faces a tide of corruption allegations that have

raised the stakes ahead of the vote. He has denied any wrongdoing.

Despite his tough rhetoric, Netanyahu has traditionally been risk-averse in military matters. But he also views countering Iran as his primary mission and may hope to cement his legacy while he has a staunch supporter in the White House.

IRAN

Trump's decision to withdraw from the nuclear deal and impose maximal sanctions on Iran has devastated its economy and left it desperate for relief.

Iran has begun openly breaching limits set by the deal, saying it cannot abide by the agreement unless European signatories offer it a respite from sanctions. In recent weeks, Iran shot down a U.S. military surveillance drone and has been blamed for mine attacks on six oil tankers near the Strait of Hormuz, something it denies. Iran has also seized a British-flagged oil tanker.

At the same time, Tehran has launched a fresh diplomatic offensive, with Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif making a surprise appearance at the G-7 summit in France as part of a worldwide tour ahead of next month's U.N. General Assembly.

Experts say Iran seeks sanctions relief and not war, but are alarmed by the potential for miscalculation, either by Tehran or its foes. Iran has spent decades building up powerful allies in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and elsewhere, which it could call upon in a war with Israel or the United States. □

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Hong Kong leader starts dialogue, but not budging on demands

By KEN MORITSUGU

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam said Tuesday that she had met with a group of young people about the pro-democracy protests gripping the city, but she showed no sign of budging in a continuing stalemate over the movement's demands. Lam said she explained the government's position at the Monday meeting, which was closed-door and unannounced. She disputed complaints that her government is ignoring the protesters, whose demands include the withdrawal of an extradition bill, an independent inquiry into what they believe is ex-



Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam listens to reporters' questions during a press conference in Hong Kong Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019.

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cessive use of force by police at the demonstrations, and democratic elections.

"It is not a question of not responding," she told reporters before a weekly

meeting with her executive council. "It is a question of not accepting those demands."

Hong Kong, a Chinese territory, has seen more than two months of youth-led protests that have often ended in clashes with police. More than 80 people were arrested last week-end after protesters occupied city streets. They built barriers across the roads and threw bricks and gasoline bombs to try to block the police, who used tear gas to drive them away. Lam announced last week that she is creating a platform for dialogue and said Tuesday that it would include protesters. Opposition lawmakers have ques-

tioned the sincerity of her initiative, calling it a delay tactic.

It wasn't clear who attended the Monday meeting with Lam and the education and home affairs ministers. The South China Morning Post newspaper, citing an unidentified source, said about 20 people took part and that they were mostly in their 20s and 30s.

Lam said her government had accepted the movement's main demand by suspending the extradition bill, which would have allowed suspects to be sent to mainland China to face trial. She has declared the legislation dead, but protesters are demanding its formal withdrawal. □

Sri Lankan Islamic clerics seek clarity on face veil ban

By KRISHAN FRANCIS

Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)

— Islamic clerics in Sri Lanka asked Muslim women on Tuesday to continue to avoid wearing face veils until the government clarifies whether they are once again allowed now that emergency rule has ended four months after a string of suicide bomb attacks.

Clerics are wary of the Muslim community being targeted again for violence, as it was in the aftermath of April's Easter Sunday attacks that killed more than 260 people, said Fazil Farook, spokesman for

All Ceylon Jammiyyathul Ulama, Sri Lanka's largest group of Islamic clerics. Two local radical Muslim groups have been blamed for the attacks.

Farook urged Muslim women not to rush into wearing their veils again.

"They have managed in the past and we are asking them to do it the same way," Farook said, adding that some women have refused to be seen in public without covering their faces because they had been accustomed to it.

After the Easter attacks on three churches and three tourist hotels, Sri Lanka's

government brought the country under emergency rule, giving sweeping search, arrest and detention powers to the military and police. President Maithripala Sirisena also used the emergency law to issue a decree banning covering faces in all manners, including face veils.

Emergency rule had been extended each month until last week, when Sirisena allowed the law to lapse. He issued a separate order allowing the military to maintain peace.

In the wake of the Easter attacks, gangs mostly from the majority Sinhalese com-



A Sri Lankan Muslim woman walks in a street in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019.

Associated Press

munity attacked mosques and Muslim-owned shops, killing at least one person.

Muslims also were subjected to hate speech in public and on social media. □

Puerto Rico braces for rain, power outages as Dorian nears

By DÁNICA COTO

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— Jorge Ortiz, a 50-year-old construction worker, was taking no chances as Tropical Storm Dorian approached Puerto Rico on Tuesday and threatened to brush past the island's southwest coast at near-hurricane strength.

Wiping sweat from his brow, Ortiz climbed up a shaky ladder under the punishing morning sun and tied down pieces of zinc that now serve as his roof because Hurricane Maria ripped the second floor off his house when the Category 4 storm hit in September 2017.

He was forced to rebuild everything himself and finished just three months ago, and said he received no assistance from the local or federal government.

"They told me I didn't qualify because it was a total loss," he said, shaking his head as he added that he was wary about Dorian. "I'm worried that despite all this sacrifice, I'll lose it again."

It's a concern shared by many across the U.S. territory, where some 30,000 homes still have blue tarps as roofs and where the 3.2 million inhabitants depend on a shaky power grid that Maria destroyed and remains prone to outages even in the slightest of rain storms.

Dorian was located about 415 miles (665 kilometers) southeast of Ponce, Puerto



Storm clouds gather as Tropical Storm Dorian moves toward St. Michael Parish, Barbados, Monday, Aug. 26, 2019.

Associated Press

Rico, late Tuesday morning. The U.S. National Hurricane Center said it had maximum sustained winds near 50 mph (85 kph) and was forecast to strengthen during the next 48 hours before passing near or south of the U.S. territory on Wednesday as it moves west-northwest at 13 mph (20 kph).

"The biggest problem will be the rain," said Roberto García, a forecaster with the National Meteorological Service in Puerto Rico. The storm was expected to dump between 3 to 6 inches (8 to 15 centimeters) of rain in the Windward islands, with isolated amounts of 10 inches (25

centimeters).

Dorian already caused power outages and downed trees in Barbados and St. Lucia, and a still-uncertain long-term track showed the storm near Florida over the weekend.

The Hurricane Center issued a hurricane watch and a tropical storm warning for Puerto Rico and for the Dominican Republic from Isla Saona to Samaná and a tropical storm warning for Martinique. Tropical storm watches were in force for Dominica, Saba, St. Eustatius and parts of the Dominican Republic from Isla Saona to Punta Palenque and from Samaná to Puer-

to Plata.

In Puerto Rico, some grocery stores ran out of bottled water as people rushed to buy supplies including generators and filled their cars with gasoline.

Government officials on the island warned of possible landslides, flash flooding and power outages, with Puerto Rico's health secretary urging those with certain health conditions such as diabetes to be prepared.

The island's transportation secretary acknowledged that crews are still rebuilding roads damaged or blocked by Maria. He said more than 1,000 remain

blocked by that storm's landslides.

Gov. Wanda Vázquez signed an executive order on Monday declaring a state of emergency and urged those living under a tarp to stay in one of the island's 360 shelters if needed. Housing Secretary Fernando Gil said some 9,000 to 13,000 homes with blue-tarp roofs are located in the region that Dorian is expected to affect the most. Officials also said they would close all public schools by Tuesday afternoon.

Jesús Laracuente, a 52-year-old construction worker who lives in the impoverished neighborhood of Las Monjas in the capital of San Juan, had his doubts about the government preparations. Blue tarps are still visible in his community, which can flood even in light rainstorms.

"The people here are prepared. We already learned our lesson," he said, referring to Maria. "What despairs us is knowing that the slightest breeze will leave us without power. It's the government that fails us."

Vázquez said this time, the island's Electric Power Authority has a vast inventory of equipment to cope with storm damage — \$141 million worth compared with \$22 million during Maria. That includes more than 23,000 poles, 120,000 lights and 7,400 transformers. □

Inventive Cubans beat infernal heat with mobile pool



In this Aug. 24, 2019 photo, a tractor pulls a trailer that was converted into a swimming pool as it drives along the roads of El Infernal neighborhood in San Andres in the province of Pinar del Río, Cuba.

Associated Press

EL INFERNAL, Cuba (AP) — Children play wildly around a tractor in the El Infernal neighborhood in the province of Pinar del Río, part of Cuba's renowned tobacco-growing zone.

The moment that everyone is waiting for arrives as tractor driver Osniel Hernandez appears with a trailer covered in a blue tarp, creating a mobile pool that will travel through the dirt streets of the neighborhood.

The idea for the mobile tractor-pool was hatched by local parents Mariset

Martinez and Yamian Váldo on July 26, to make their kids happy and fight the harsh Caribbean heat in the aptly named settlement. In a neighborhood far from recreation centers, community members helped to make the idea of the tractor-pool a reality, lending tarps, providing water and paying for the tractor's gasoline.

"We want to keep the kids happy in our community and this costs nothing," said Hipolito Marraron, the president of the cooperative that lent the tractor, with

the condition that it could only be used if it wasn't needed by the agricultural workers.

The tractor in El Infernal also is occasionally pressed into service as an ambulance in an area with few motor vehicles.

After operators explained some rules to the swimmers, the tractor-pool made its first successful trip, as children splashed their neighbors to encourage them to join the party — a party that became the main attraction in a poor but resourceful neighborhood. □

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Local Farmers Market & Ostriches



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The farmers market's goal is to promote products and artwork made and produced in Aruba. More and more local farmers are actively growing vegetables, fruits, farming animals such as chicken and pigs and selling them to the public. What to think of locally made Pica de Jello (hot sauce), a great souvenir to take home. Or products handmade by Aruban artisans that offer jewelry and glass blowing handicrafts. Indulge in the local ambiance at the Savanna Lodge Bar & Restaurant that sits



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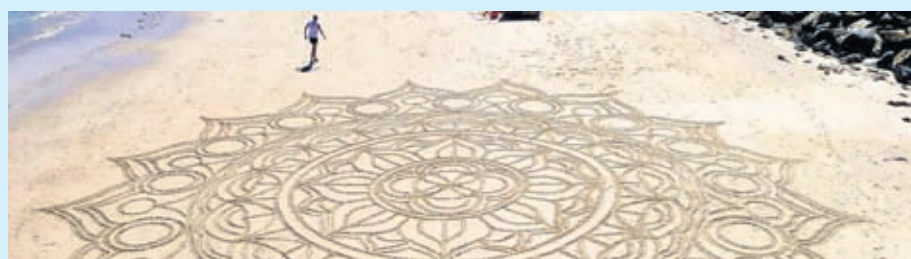
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- Mainstreet, San Nicolas.
- Facebook: Island Fest



Sunday 1

Farmer's Market

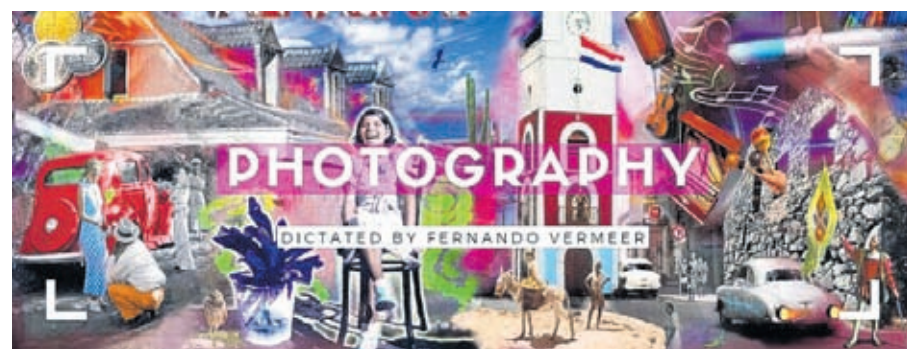
- Don't miss out on delicious food local crafter unique and beautiful art and homemade liquor, wine, baked goods, seasonal fruits, fresh eggs and so much more.
- From 10:00AM-2:00PM
- Aruba Ostrich Farm
- Facebook: Aruba Ostrich Farm



Thursday 29

New Moon Yoga Ceremony

- Immerse in a beautiful soothing yet deepening sunset yoga practice with live music, sipping on hot Cacao from Colombia while creating a beach mandala in meditation and make a heart centered offering for Mother Gaia, specially sending healing to the Amazon. Optional: bring seeds to plant for future generations, flowers and fruits for a much needed water blessing. Hosted by Rhea Waves
- From 5:55PM
- Manchebo Beach
- Facebook: One Happy Yogi



Monday 2

Photography Workshop by Fernando Vermeer

- The well-known local artist Fernando Vermeer will guide you through the techniques of finding the perfect light and illumination to capture the perfect pictures.
- From 6:30PM-9:30PM
- Ateliers '89, Dominicanessenstraat 34, Oranjestad
- Facebook Ateliers '89

Friday 30

Iguana Mosaic Workshop

- Don't you get excited when you see iguanas nearby? Join us during our monthly creative happy hour, where we will make a mosaic piece to honor these wonderful animals. The artisan Merveline will make sure you get all the knowledge and tools you need.
- From 5:00PM-8:00PM
- San Nicolaas, B v/d Veen Zeppenfeldstraat 20
- Facebook Aruba Cosecha



Saturday 31

Story telling for kids at the Water Tower

- The whole family is invited to enjoy some great stories at the Museum presented by Sheila Werleman and Richard Dabian.
- From at 11:00AM-1:00PM
- San Nicolas, Museum of Industry
- Facebook Museum of Industry

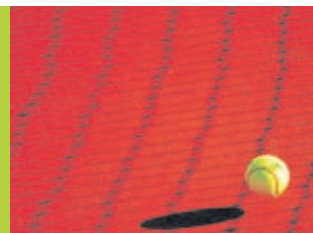


Tuesday 3

L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House

- LGS combines the modern steakhouse and chic lounge into one vibe dining experience. Make sure to experience the vibe
- From 6:00PM-6:00AM
- Renaissance Mall
- Facebook: L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House

SPORTS



Inkster takes experience to round out Solheim Cup team

By DOUG FERGUSON

Juli Inkster used her two Solheim Cup captain's picks on Stacy Lewis and Morgan Pressel on Monday, wanting to add experience to an American team so young that eight of the 12 players have never competed in the tournament when it is away from home.

"I think they can bring a little calming factor to our team," Inkster said in a conference call from New York.

Qualifying ended Sunday after the CP Women's Open in Canada. Of the 10 players who earned automatic spots on the U.S. team — through Solheim Cup points or from the women's world ranking — five are Solheim Cup rookies and three have never played the matches away from home.

The Solheim Cup is Sept. 13-15 at Gleneagles in Scotland, the course where Europe won the Ryder Cup five years ago.

Lewis, the last American to reach No. 1 in the world ranking, will be playing in her fifth Solheim Cup. The two-time major champion won her last tournament two years ago. She missed the second half of last year to have her first child.

Lewis made her Solheim Cup debut in Ireland in 2011 and recalled the nerves of walking to the first tee in foursomes, realizing she had the opening shot. "I hit a horrendous tee shot," she said. "That was kind of the moment for me that I wasn't necessarily prepared for that I want the other rookies to be ready for."

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Naomi Osaka, of Japan, reacts after scoring a point against Anna Blinkova, of Russia, during the first round of the US Open tennis tournament Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019, in New York.



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Woods has surgery on left knee for minor cartilage damage

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

A season that began with Tiger Woods celebrating a fifth Masters title ended with a fifth surgery on his left knee.

This one wasn't serious.

Woods said Tuesday on Twitter he had arthroscopic surgery last week to repair what he described as minor cartilage damage. In a statement Woods released on social media, Dr. Vern Cooley said he looked at the rest of the knee and found no additional problems.

"I'm walking now and hope to resume practice in the next few weeks," Woods said, adding that he looked forward to traveling to Japan in October for a planned Skins Game exhibition and the ZoZo Championship on Oct. 24-27.

Mark Steinberg, his agent at Excel Sports, described the knee as little more than "irritating."

"It was bothering him, but arthroscopic these days is different than we had years and years ago," Steinberg said. "He's up and walking now. This will have no effect on the fall or winter."

Woods has a light schedule the rest of the year — Japan in late October, his Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas the first week of December and then the Presidents Cup at Royal Melbourne in Australia. He is the U.S. captain and could play as a captain's pick. He won't have to make that decision until a week after the Japan event.

Woods has dealt primarily with back issues the last six years. He had the first of four back surgeries in the spring of 2014, and the last one in 2017 to fuse his lower spine when it reached a point he feared he might never compete again.

He returned a year later and capped off his comeback with a victory in the

Tour Championship. The final piece was a major, and Woods delivered the most memorable week of the year in April at Augusta National when he won the Masters for his 15th major. But that was his lone highlight.

He missed the cut in the PGA Championship and the British Open and was never a factor in the Memorial or the U.S. Open. He withdrew after the opening round of The Northern Trust to start the FedEx Cup playoffs, and he failed to reach the Tour Championship.

He said about his health at the BMW Championship that "body-wise it's the same. If it's not one thing, it's another. Things just pop up."

"I'm making tweaks and changes trying to play around this back and trying to be explosive and have enough rest time and training time," he said at Medinah. "That's been the big-



Tiger Woods, left, greets fans as he walks to the 14th fairway after hitting his tee shot during the final round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Medinah Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 18, 2019, in Medinah, Ill.

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gest challenge of it all." Woods first had surgery on his left knee as a freshman at Stanford in 1994 to remove two benign tumors and scar tissue. He had arthroscopic surgery to remove fluid and cysts after the 2002 season, and

another after the 2008 Masters to repair cartilage damage. Two months later, after winning the 2008 U.S. Open, he had reconstructive surgery to repair his ACL. Steinberg described this surgery as "more clean-up maintenance." □

Shaky start to No. 1 Naomi Osaka's U.S. Open title defense

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Naomi Osaka put her right hand in the shape of a gun and pointed two fingers at her temple, her face grim, while she looked toward her guest box. She'd just dropped the second set, moments after wasting a match point, as her U.S. Open title defense got off to a shaky start Tuesday. Her body language told the story: the eye rolls, the balled up fists covering her face at a changeover, the racket resting atop her head. Back in Arthur Ashe Stadium, where she beat Serena Williams in last year's chaotic final, the No. 1-seeded Osaka kept digging holes and kept climbing out of them, eventually emerging with a 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-2 victory over 84th-ranked Anna Blinkova of Russia in the first round.

"I don't think I've ever been this nervous in my life," Osaka told the crowd during her post-match interview. "For me, I just came off really slow and I never really found my rhythm." The 21-year-old from Japan wore a black sleeve over her left knee, which has been an issue recently. But it wasn't so much her movement as her erratic strokes that presented problems for Osaka, who finished with 50 unforced

errors, more than double Blinkova's total of 22.

"You kind of want to do well after you did well last year," Osaka said, when asked why she felt so many jitters while trailing 3-0 and 4-1 at the outset.

"Just definitely," she said, "didn't want to lose in the first round."

Osaka avoided that sort of disappointment. Stefanos Tsitsipas, a 21-year-old from Greece who was seeded No. 8, did not. He lost in the first round for the second Slam in a row — and made a lot of noise on his way out, saying during a late dispute with chair umpire Damien Dumusois: "You're all weirdos."

After getting broken to trail 4-3 in the last set of his 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (7), 7-5 loss to Andrey Rublev, Tsitsipas was fiddling around with a plastic bag of sweat bands and head wraps at a changeover when Dumusois announced it was time for play to resume.

Tsitsipas said he wasn't ready; Dumusois, essentially, told him that was too bad. Tsitsipas told the official, who already had warned him about getting coaching help, to go ahead and call him for a violation; Dumusois obliged, docking a point.

"This chair umpire, I don't know, he has something against me. I don't know why," said Tsitsipas, who up-



Naomi Osaka, of Japan, returns a shot to Anna Blinkova, of Russia, during the first round of the US Open tennis tournament Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019, in New York.

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set Roger Federer en route to the Australian Open semifinals in January but bowed out of Wimbledon in the first round.

No. 4 seed Dominic Thiem, the two-time French Open runner-up, was also a first-round loser for the second straight major tournament when he was beaten 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 by Thomas Fabiano — the player who beat Tsitsipas at Wimbledon.

Another highly seeded man went out when No. 10 Roberto Bautista Agut, a Wimbledon semifinalist, was defeated by Mikhail Kukushkin 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, while No. 14 John Isner and 2014 champion Marin Cilic each won in straight sets. No. 2 Rafael Nadal was in a later match.

In other women's results on Day 2, two-time major champion Garbine Mugu-

ruza was eliminated by Alison Riske of the U.S. 2-6, 6-1, 6-3, while two-time Wimbledon winner Petra Kvitova and No. 13 seed Belinda Bencic both won in two sets.

During the professional era, which began in 1968, only two U.S. Open women's champions have lost in the first round the following year: It happened in 2005 to Svetlana Kuznetsova and again in 2017 to Angelique Kerber — who was beaten by none other than Osaka, ranked 45th at the time and yet to get past the third round at a major tournament.

Osaka thought back to that match Tuesday.

"I could kind of see how stressed out (Kerber) was and that was in my favor," Osaka said. "I don't want to give people that look."

This victory, difficult as it

was, stretched Osaka's winning streak in hard-court Grand Slam matches to 15, which includes her run to the titles at Flushing Meadows in 2018 and at the Australian Open in January.

Those helped her become the first Japanese tennis player to be ranked No. 1, a spot she regained this month.

Osaka has spoken rather openly about the struggles she's had dealing with pressure and expectations this season. She said Tuesday that she hoped figuring out how to get past Blinkova — who is now 0-2 at the U.S. Open and 0-4 against top-10 opponents — would boost her moving forward.

"It helps me a lot, because I learn from the tougher matches," Osaka said. "It helps me be prepared and try to learn and adjust my game plan."

Tsitsipas to U.S. Open umpire in tirade: 'You're all weirdos!'

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stefanos Tsitsipas accused a U.S. Open chair umpire of having a bias against him during a tirade in which he told the official, "You're all weirdos!"

Tsitsipas told Damien Dumusois that the cause of his bias was "because you're French probably and you're all weirdos!"

The argument came mid-

way through the fourth set of Tsitsipas' 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (7), 7-5 loss to Andrey Rublev on Tuesday, a day when he and fellow young star Dominic Thiem both lost in the first round for the second straight major tournament.

Tsitsipas, the No. 8 seed from Greece, appeared to be battling cramps and was slow to return to the court after losing his serve. Dumusois told Tsitsipas it

was time to play, but Tsitsipas was still reaching into his bag for a new headband and screamed at Dumusois that he still needed time to change. Dumusois responded that Tsitsipas would be penalized.

"I don't care," Tsitsipas replied. "Do whatever you want, because you're the worst."

"I don't know what you have against me," Tsitsipas continued. "Because you're

French probably and you're all weirdos! You're all weirdos!"

Dumusois is indeed French. Tsitsipas had been angry that Dumusois believed he was getting coaching during the match from his father, Apostolos, which is not allowed.

"The chair umpire was very incorrect in what he was telling me during the match," Tsitsipas said afterward. "I don't know what

this chair umpire has in specific against my team, but he's been complaining and telling me that my team talks all of the time when I'm out on the court playing. He's very — I don't know. I believe he's not right, because I never hear anything of what my team says from the outside."

Tsitsipas added that he thought tennis needed more umpires who are fair to all players. □

Rodriguez homers in 11th to lift Phillies over Pirates 6-5-

By The Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sean Rodriguez lined a home run leading off the bottom of the 11th inning to give the Philadelphia Phillies a 6-5 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Monday night. Josh Bell hit a solo homer off Philadelphia closer Hector Neris to tie it at 5 in the ninth after Corey Dickerson hit a two-run shot against his former team in the eighth to give the Phillies a one-run lead. But after stranding five runners in the ninth and 10th, the Phillies won it when Rodriguez went deep against Michael Feliz (2-4) for his fourth career walk-off homer. Rodriguez was in a 1-for-21 slump before he connected. Philadelphia moved within a game of the idle Cubs for the second NL wild card. Bryce Harper homered with two outs in the eighth in his first game back from paternity leave to cut it to 4-3. After J.T. Realmuto's infield single, Dickerson ripped one out to put the Phillies ahead 5-4. Dickerson, acquired from the Pirates before the July 31 trade deadline, has 21 RBIs in 19 games for the Phillies. Brad Miller also had a two-run shot for Philadelphia. Mike Morin (1-0) tossed two

scoreless innings for the win. **CARDINALS 12, BREWERS 2**
MILWAUKEE (AP) — Marcell Ozuna's bases-loaded double keyed a six-run second inning and surging St. Louis pounded out a victory over Milwaukee. The Cardinals, who have won five straight, jumped on starter Gio Gonzalez (2-2) for eight runs in the first two innings en route to their 14th victory in 17 games. Yadier Molina and Paul DeJong each homered and drove in three runs for St. Louis, which moved a season-high 14 games above .500. The Cardinals extended their NL Central lead to three games over the Cubs. The third-place Brewers dropped 5½ back. Despite being staked to a 9-1 lead, starter Adam Wainwright lasted just 3 2/3 innings, throwing 90 pitches. He allowed two runs on six hits with three walks. John Gant (9-0) relieved Wainwright and struck out three in 2 1/3 hitless innings. **ROCKIES 3, BRAVES 1**
DENVER (AP) — Ryan McMahon hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning to lift Colorado over Atlanta, ending the Braves' eight-game winning streak. McMahon drove a fastball from Jerry Blevins just over the scoreboard in right field for the second game-



Philadelphia Phillies' Sean Rodriguez follows through after hitting a winning home run off Pittsburgh Pirates relief pitcher Michael Feliz during the 11th inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 26, 2019, in Philadelphia.

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ending homer of his career. Nolan Arenado started the inning with a walk against Anthony Swarzak (1-2). Jairo Diaz (5-3) blew a save in the ninth but got the win as the Rockies stopped a four-game skid. It was a makeup from an April 10 game postponed due to inclement weather, forcing Atlanta to crisscross the country. **PADRES 4, DODGERS 3**
SAN DIEGO (AP) — Greg Garcia scored the tying run on a throwing error by center fielder A.J. Pollock, and

Manny Machado drove in the go-ahead run on a groundout during a three-run rally in the sixth inning that carried San Diego past Los Angeles. Dodgers rookie Dustin May (1-3) took a 3-1 lead into the sixth before the Padres rallied to hand the NL West leaders their third loss in four games. Eric Lauer (7-8) improved to 5-0 against the Dodgers in seven career starts. He allowed three runs and six hits in six innings, striking out eight. All-Star closer Kirby

Yates pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 38th save in 41 chances. Justin Turner and Kiké Hernández homered for the Dodgers. Turner also had an RBI double. **DIAMONDBACKS 6, GIANTS 4**
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Arizona outfielder Jarrod Dyson made a pair of stellar defensive plays in the sixth inning after Eduardo Escobar scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch, and the Diamondbacks held on to beat San Francisco. □

Oakland sets season highs for runs, hits in 19-4 win over KC

By The Associated Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Marcus Semien homered, tripled and drove in a career-high seven runs as Oakland set season highs for runs and hits in a rout of Kansas City. Jurickson Profar, Matt Chapman and Khris Davis also went deep for the Athletics, who are locked in a tight race with Cleveland and Tampa Bay for the two American League wild cards. Josh Phegley drove in three runs and scored three times. Four players had three hits and every starter got at least one as Oakland finished with 22. Seth Brown singled in the first two at-bats of his big

league career, scored twice and drove in a run. Homer Bailey (12-8) threw six innings, allowing three runs and eight hits, to beat his former team. Oakland scored five runs in both the second and third, backed by Semien's big hits. Royals starter Brad Keller (7-14) lasted just 1 1/3 innings, exiting after Semien's bases-loaded triple put Oakland up 5-0. **YANKEES 5, MARINERS 4**
SEATTLE (AP) — Gleyber Torres hit his 13th home run this month, Mike Ford went deep twice and New York beat Seattle. Torres launched his 33rd homer of the season on



Oakland Athletics' Marcus Semien hits a three-run triple during the second inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals, Monday, Aug. 26, 2019, in Kansas City, Mo.

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the first pitch of the second inning from Tommy Milone, who took over after Matt Wisler was used as an opener. It was the start

of a four-run rally for the AL East leaders. Austin Romine had an RBI single and Ford added the big blow with a two-run shot down the

right field line. Ford, previously a Rule 5 pick by the Mariners and later returned to the Yankees, added a solo homer in the fourth. The three home runs boosted the Yankees' total to 64 in August, a major league record for any month. Milone (3-8) allowed eight hits and five runs in five innings. New York starter J.A. Happ (11-8) struck out seven and permitted just three hits in five innings. He gave up a three-run homer to Dylan Moore. Aroldis Chapman pitched the ninth for his 36th save. Mallex Smith also went deep for the Mariners. □

Hamlin cites new maturity in turnaround season

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) —

Denny Hamlin has not finished lower than fifth since early July and his current six-race streak includes two victories in the last four races, a pair of runner-ups and a third-place finish.

A year removed from the first winless season of his NASCAR career, Hamlin is officially a title threat again. He is third in the standings, tied with Joe Gibbs Racing teammates Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr. with Cup-series highs of four wins each, and has the confidence to finally grab his first championship.

Hamlin heads to Darlington Raceway for Sunday night's Southern 500. He is a two-time winner at Darlington and his average finish on one of the most challenging tracks in NASCAR is sixth. After patiently chasing down Matt DiBenedetto in the closing laps at Bristol Motor Speedway, Hamlin briefly revealed he has put in personal work this year to be more accountable while focusing on improving himself overall.

"I just think eventually you get older," said Hamlin, who turns 39 at the end of the season, has been racing full-time in Cup for 14 years and is father to two young daughters. "I got a couple kids now, seeing them grow up, (I'm) just doing a lot of growth on and off the racetrack. As I've focused on being a better person outside the race car, it is directly, whether it be coincidence or not, it's directly linked to my on track performance."

Hamlin won at least one race each year his first 12 seasons and in 2010 and 2014 had clear shots to win the Cup title only to squander both opportunities. The 2010 failure to Jimmie Johnson eventually led Hamlin to a sports psychologist, but the recent changes have been driven solely by Hamlin.

"More so than anything, I've just grown up," he said. "I mean, I've really seen the sport, seen it evolve over the last 14 years. I see my kids grow up. I don't know, eventually you've got to grow up and see the bigger picture. I think for me, a



Denny Hamlin, center, celebrates after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019, in Bristol, Tenn.

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lot of soul searching, things like that, to figure out what makes me happy and being content with kind of who I am, the successes and the failures. Everyone is imperfect. You've got to embrace it."

Joe Gibbs has seen the changes this season, which also coincide with the pairing of a new crew chief. Chris Gabehart led Hamlin to a season-opening Daytona 500 victory — his second Daytona win — and immediately put last year's winless season behind the No. 11 team.

The win came less than a month after the death of

JGR executive J.D. Gibbs, who is credited with discovering Hamlin and bringing him to the powerhouse NASCAR team. Joe Gibbs believe Gabehart has been steady for Hamlin, and that winning races in honor of J.D. Gibbs has been a motivating factor.

"I think Chris deserves a lot of credit. I think he's really got Denny grounded," Gibbs said. "I think when you get a lot of confidence going with the crew chief, it makes a huge difference. It's a huge deal for me when I see J.D. (the name) over the door in the winner's circle. Seeing Denny

have this kind of year, it just makes me realize how much we miss (J.D.) and how much he means to our race team, what he means to Denny, too."

Gabehart doesn't think he's done anything beyond developing chemistry with Hamlin. "Chemistry is a very fragile thing. It's something you can gain quickly and lose just as quickly," Gabehart said. "It comes down to trust and faith in one another, faith in this group. I think trust is earned, it's not something that's given. I think fortunately we got off on a good foot, Denny and I, this race team."

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Pressel has played on five Solheim Cup teams dating to 2007, the year she won the Kraft Nabisco Championship at 18 to become at the time the youngest woman to win a major championship. Pressel has lost only once in five singles matches in the Solheim Cup. She didn't play in the last Solheim Cup, a U.S. victory in Iowa. Pressel showed enough form for Inkster to take her, particularly a tie for fourth in the Women's British Open earlier this month at Woburn. It was the third top 10 of the year for Pressel, whose last — and only second — victory was in 2008 at Kapalua.

Inkster said she spoke to the 10 players who qualified and listened to who they wanted to fill out the team.

"Super excited when I got the call from Juli that she wanted me on her team," Pressel said. "It's a huge honor to play for Juli, to play for Team USA. And like she said, to have my teammates want me as part of the squad, as well, is definitely a confidence booster. I feel like I've been playing really well, especially this summer."

Inkster is captain for the third straight time, and she will have a chance to become the only captain with three victories since the Solheim Cup began in 1990.

Missing from the U.S. team is Cristie Kerr, who had played on nine consecutive Solheim Cup teams dating to 2002. Brittany Lincicome is on maternity leave, while Michelle Wie is recovering from injuries



Stacy Lewis tees off on the third hole during the first round of the CP Women's Open in Aurora, Ontario, Thursday Aug. 22, 2019.

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that have hampered her career.

They are among seven players who were in Iowa last year who will not be part of this team.

The qualifiers were Lexi Thompson, Danielle Kang,

Jessica and Nelly Korda, Lizette Salas, Angel Yin, Marina Alex, Brittany Altomare, Annie Park and Megan Khang.

Inkster said while experience matters, making a Solheim Cup debut away

from home can help.

"I think when everybody is chanting, 'USA, USA,' it can get a little bit overwhelming," Inkster said. "When it's just you and your partner out there, I think you settle in a little bit more as a team."

Pressel made her Solheim Cup debut in Sweden in 2007 and beat Annika Sorenstam in singles.

"I do remember on Sunday how quiet that golf course got compared to the first couple days," Pressel said. "That's definitely our goal and something that the rookies will be able to experience."

But just controlling emotions I think is the big deal in the Solheim Cup. ... For those experiencing it for the first time, it can be certainly overwhelming."

Hockey's ultimate journeyman goalie calls it a career

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Hockey Writer

Mike McKenna isn't sure where to start on the craziest stories from his long and winding road of a career.

"We could be here forever," he said. "I mean, do you want to talk about me, or do you want to talk about when the bus caught on fire? Or do you want to talk about swiping a Volvo on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge? These are things that have happened. You can't make that up."

McKenna's path through hockey looks stranger than fiction. The journeyman goaltender announced his retirement Tuesday after stints with 15 NHL organizations and 22 professional teams in all, enough material to fill a novel.

"I never expected this, and it turned into my career path and that's just the way it was," McKenna said in an interview during the Stanley Cup Final earlier this year. "To me, yeah, it was crazy. There has been a lot of stops along the way. But I just made so many friends, I've been in so many places and got to experience so much, I feel like I've had a pretty full life in the game

with 15 organizations to go through."

McKenna said his eldest daughter being in school changed the equation. The 36-year-old had been open to playing another season but wanted to be rooted in one place and joked that he would've been the only No. 3 goalie in the league with a no-movement clause.

Instead, he will move on after playing 15 games for the Lightning, 10 for the Senators, four for the Blue Jackets, two each for the Stars and Devils, and one apiece for the Coyotes and Flyers. Since being a sixth-round pick of the Nashville Predators in 2002, he played in the NCAA, ECHL, American Hockey League and NHL.

McKenna spent a vast majority of that time in the AHL, which gave him some colorful stories. He thinks it's hard to top the Portland Pirates' bus catching on fire on the way to a game.

"We had a right rear (tire) blow and I don't why it happened, but something lit up a hydraulic line or something," McKenna said. "Next thing you know, the right rear of the bus was on fire



In this Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019 file photo, Philadelphia Flyers goaltender Mike McKenna (56) stands on the ice during the second period of an NHL hockey game against the Washington Capitals in Washington.

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and the flames were licking over the side of it and our bus driver got off and told us in the middle of the road

in Rhode Island or Mass or whoever we were: 'Everybody off! We're on fire!'" McKenna and his teammates had to play that night and lost. He blames it on smoke inhalation. So many stops along the way provided McKenna with 18 different masks, all of which he still has. The jerseys? Well, that was more difficult.

"You don't get to keep jerseys from teams. They don't give you those," McKenna said. "I have most of my jerseys, and I've probably been given a jersey by a half-dozen teams I would say, but the other ones I've either had to pay for or have traded to get." It takes time just to list the teams he's played for professionally: Las Vegas, Norfolk, Milwaukee, Omaha, Portland, Tampa Bay, Lowell, Albany, New Jersey, Binghamton, Peoria, Springfield, Columbus, Arizona, Syracuse, Texas, Dallas, Belleville, Ottawa, Philadelphia and Lehigh Valley.

Last season, a trade and subsequent waiver claim

by Philadelphia gave him three teams in four days.

"I've never done that before," McKenna said. "With goalies, this can happen. You order some white gear and hope it shows up soon." McKenna and his family have had a house in St. Louis for a decade now and will make it home. The need for white gear and a new mask is over, but not before he could indulge in some self-professed "dark comedy" about bouncing around like a puck on choppy ice.

"There's probably a lot of punch lines out there associated with what I've done and you have to be able to laugh at yourself in life," he said. □

Jakobsen tops Bennett in photo finish, wins 4th Vuelta stage

EL PUIG, Spain (AP) — With his eyes closed, Fabio Jakobsen beat Sam Bennett in a photo finish to win the fourth stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Tuesday, while Nicolas Roche kept the overall lead ahead of Nairo Quintana.

Jakobsen fended off a strong charge by Bennett in the final meters (yards) of the 175-kilometer (109-mile) ride from Cullera to El Puig on Spain's eastern coast.

"I couldn't see because I closed my eyes, Sam was so close," said Jakobsen, who will turn 23 on Saturday. "I went for the line and threw my bike. When I saw people from the team cheering I knew I had won. This is a big one."

It was the first Grand Tour

stage win for the Dutch rider from team Deceuninck-Quoc Step.

"To win in a Grand Tour is one of the things you dream of as a sprinter," Jakobsen said. "In my head I thought I could do it, but you never know for sure. To win a stage of La Vuelta wearing the colors of your country is amazing."

Bennett won Monday's third stage with team Bora-Hansgrohe.

"This one hurts a lot," the Irishman said. "It was really hard to position myself in the final kilometers. On the last roundabout I lost many positions because I chose the wrong side. I really forced this one to happen but it just didn't go as I hoped for."

Roche, an Irishman with Team Sunweb, finished safely in the peloton. He will carry a two-second lead over Quintana entering Wednesday's fifth stage, which will take riders 170 kilometers (105 miles) from the city of L'Eliana to a finish by an astronomical observatory in Arcos de las Salinas.

"I had to make sure we were out of trouble," Roche said. "Tomorrow will be a completely different scenario. I expect fireworks from the Colombian riders. I know it is going to be very difficult to keep the red jersey, it might be very ambitious to aim at doing so, but I am going to do my best and fight until the last meter." □



Brain Attack

By: Dr Carlos Viana

A "brain attack" happens when blood flow to a part of your brain is cut off. The brain cells, deprived of oxygen and glucose needed to survive, die. If a stroke is not caught early, or if it is a large area, you can suffer permanent brain damage or die. There are two kinds of strokes: a blood clot in the blood vessels of the brain is called an "ischemic stroke". The second stroke is called a "hemorrhagic stroke", 'hemorrhagic' means 'bleeding' happens when a blood vessel in the brain breaks or ruptures.

About 80% of all strokes are ischemic where a clot blocks blood carrying oxygen and sugar to part of the brain. Regular medicine thinks that block is plaque, made up of fatty (cholesterol) deposits which clog the brain's blood vessels. My Biocompatible Medicine protocol has identified that it is actually, too much free calcium causing the problem.

The second type of stroke, a ruptured blood vessel in your brain is considered by regular medicine to be because of high blood pressure and a bulge that forms in the blood vessel of your brain, like gnarled, enlarged leg veins. This bulge in the head is called a brain aneurysm. An aneurysm is a weakness or thinness in the blood vessel wall, that I believe was not caused initially by blood pressure. All blood vessels need to be flexible and if lined with loose calcium, can become stiff.

The most common symptoms of a stroke are:

Weakness or numbness of the face, arm, or leg on one side of the body
Loss of vision or dimming (like a curtain falling) in one or both eyes
Loss of speech, difficulty talking, or understanding what others are saying
Sudden, severe headache with no known cause
Loss of balance or unstable walking usually combined with another symptom
If you have a couple of these symptoms, call 911 immediately.

Many people have had small, or mini-strokes. The symptoms are the same as listed above, however, symptoms may go away in as little as a few minutes or can last as long as 24 hours. About 40% of people who have them will go on to have an actual stroke, and half of these strokes occur within two days of the mini-stroke, according to the US National Stroke Association.

Mini-strokes are called medically, as transient ischemic attacks (TIAs). TIA means: Transient, 'passing especially quickly'; Ischemic, 'deficient supply of blood to a body part'; and, Attack means 'causes something harmful or destructive to happen'. A TIA is a temporary drop in the blood supply, in this case, to the brain. This can cause temporary damage to the brain because brain cells aren't getting enough oxygen. However, people who have TIA have 20% lower life expectancy than expected compared to the general population. This highlights the fact that

TIAs are serious events that should not be ignored and can happen even in young adults.

All these problems in the brain, I believe, start in the liver. When the liver is not producing good bile people suffer from indigestion, what doctors call GERD, bloated stomach after eating, constipation, hemorrhoids, and weight gain. Cholesterol, triglyceride, and fasting blood sugar become high and non-alcoholic fatty liver develops. The digestion problems mean you are not digesting your food, not able to metabolize then use your body's building blocks, amino acids. To obtain the much-needed amino acids, your body starts pulling them out of your muscles. Strong muscles = strong bones, but as your muscles get smaller, your bones decide they do not need to be as big and strong to support these "smaller" muscles. They begin to release calcium and other minerals, that clog your arteries. When we diagnose a person who, probably had a TIA, I ask for a blood test and, immediately start them on dietary supplements to improve liver bile production. The amino acids Taurine and Glycine are needed by the liver to convert cholesterol into bile. Lecithin Granules helps your body burn fat that can be used for energy and bile production. Meanwhile, to help you better digest your food, natural Digestives are a great help.

I'm sure to put our patients on their blood type food list also. They begin digest-

ing their food better and stop losing muscle. To send the calcium in your veins and arteries back into your bones, the supplements that I prescribe are: Magnesium citrate, Zinc citrate, Vitamin K2, and Vitamin D3. This is my BONE SUPPORT PACK.

Magnesium citrate, besides being fantastic for your heart, without enough magnesium your body cannot absorb calcium; stimulate calcitonin, a hormone that draws calcium from the blood and tissues back into the bones or convert vitamin D into its active form for calcium absorption. Unfortunately, many people are not eating enough magnesium rich foods like: green leafy vegetables, like spinach, kale, and bok-choy; Fruit, figs, avocado, banana and raspberries; Nuts and seeds; black beans, chickpeas and kidney beans; or Vegetables like peas, broccoli, cabbage, green beans, artichokes, asparagus, brussels sprouts.

When your body is deficient in zinc, you lose your ability to smell and your arteries become stiff. Zinc also is important for a strong immune function, wound healing, thyroid function, vision. The list of why your body needs zinc is long, yet, as important as zinc is, it is not stored in the body and requires a regular dietary intake. Good dietary sources of zinc include red meats, seafood, dairy products, nuts, legumes, and whole grains.


Vitamin K2 is the most important form of vitamin K for bone health. I help patients

'melt' their bone spurs prescribing K2. Insufficient vitamin K2 leads to decreased bone mineral density, a key factor in osteoporosis, and an excess of calcium in the arterial wall, which increases the risk of heart disease. Foods that are rich in vitamin K2 include: goose liver, cheese, egg yolks, dark chicken meat and butter.

Also known as the "sunshine vitamin" because your body is designed to get the vitamin D3 it needs by producing it when your bare skin is exposed to sunlight. You would think, here in the tropics, with our intense sunlight we would be getting enough. Not so, we wear too many clothes and are not outside enough. Everyone I have tested, from teens to seniors, has been deficient in vitamin D. Calcium and phosphate in the intestinal tract, leads to elevated levels of calcium in your blood and lower bone resorption. Vitamin D3 helps increase calcium reabsorb back into your bones. Foods that provide vitamin D3 include: Fatty fish, like tuna, mackerel, and salmon; Beef liver; Cheese, and Egg yolk

Get The Point! Experiencing a TIA is a message from the Healing Spirit urging you to seek medical advice to regain your health. Having a TIA is a larger indicator of early death for older patients than for younger ones, with the event having only a minimal effect on survival in patients younger than 50. Your body can become stronger and healthier with some lifestyle changes and taking dietary supplements. □

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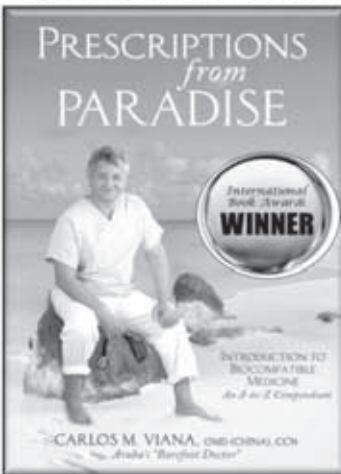


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US stock indexes veer slightly lower, shedding early gains

By ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

U.S. stock indexes veered lower in midday trading Tuesday, giving up early gains, as investors shifted money into government bonds and other less risky assets.

Financial stocks fell the most as bond prices surged, pulling yields sharply lower. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.48% from 1.54% late Monday. That yield is the benchmark for interest rates that banks charge on mortgages and other consumer loans. JPMorgan Chase fell 1.6% and Citigroup dropped 2.3%.

The drop in the 10-year Treasury yield may have put investors in a selling mood because it declined below the yield on the two-year Treasury. This so-called inversion of the U.S. yield curve has accurately predicted the past five recessions. When the yield curve inverted earlier this month for the first time since 2007, it led to a broad market sell-off. The yield on the two-year Treasury fell to 1.51% from 1.53% on Monday.

Technology and industrial stocks also fell. Western Digital lost 4.4% and Raytheon slid 2.7%.

Communications companies rose, as did safe-play sectors like utilities and real estate stocks. Activision Bliz-



In this Aug. 19, 2019, file photo trader Frank Masiello, left, and specialist Anthony Matesic work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Associated Press

zard gained 3.6%, Exelon added 1.9% and Welltower rose 1.5%.

The latest losses undercut some of the gains from Monday, when tentative optimism among investors about the potential for progress in the costly trade conflict between the U.S. and China drove a broad market rally.

The market is on a four-week losing streak as investors try gauge whether trade conflicts and slowing economies around the world will drag the U.S. into a recession.

Last week, the trade conflict escalated again with Washington and Beijing threatening new tariffs on each other's goods, triggering a sharp sell-off in global markets. On Monday the market recouped some of those losses after President Donald Trump said his negotiators had received encouraging calls from China over the weekend. Traders drew encouragement from the development, even though China's foreign ministry denied knowledge of any such calls.

Market watchers are be-

coming increasingly circumspect about what lies ahead. UBS, the largest wealth manager in the world, recommended that customers reduce their exposure to stocks, the first time the bank has done so since the depths of Europe's debt crisis in 2012.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 was down 0.5% as of 12:27 p.m. Eastern Time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 133 points, or 0.5%, to 25,764. The Nasdaq fell 0.6%. Smaller company stocks bore the brunt of the selling, sending the Russell

2000 index 1.3% lower.

Major indexes in Europe were broadly higher.

U.S. indexes are on track for losses of 3% or more in August in what has been a volatile month for the market.

ANALYST'S TAKE: While the inversion in the yield curve between the 10-year and two-year Treasury notes has been a good indicator of a coming recession in the past, it usually means a recession is at least a year off, said J.J. Kinahan, chief market strategist for TD Ameritrade.

"Just because it happened doesn't mean the world ends," he said. "We do still have the China tariff situation, which many believe, if settled quickly, could also lead to a quick economic expansion."

TRADE WAR: On Friday, China announced new tariffs on \$75 billion in U.S. goods. Trump responded angrily on Twitter, at one point saying he "hereby ordered" U.S. companies with operations in China to consider moving them to other countries, including the U.S. Trump later announced the U.S. would increase existing tariffs on \$250 billion in Chinese goods to 30% from 25%, and that new tariffs on another \$300 billion of imports would be 15% instead of 10%. □

Poland plans no budget deficit for first time in 30 years

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland's next annual state budget will for the first time in 30 years not run a deficit, mainly thanks to efficient tax collection and changes to the pension system, the prime minister said Tuesday.

Mateusz Morawiecki spoke following a weekly government session that approved a draft 2020 budget where spending and income are balanced at 429.5 billion zlotys (\$109 billion).

Morawiecki noted that it is Poland's first budget without a deficit since it became a democracy. It still needs consultations with worker and employer groups and approval from

two parliament chambers and the president.

"We are very responsible in managing the public finances," Morawiecki said, promising that the budget will "no longer be an ATM for tax-evading criminals." The announcement comes before Oct. 13 parliamentary elections, in which the ruling party is expected to win a majority, chiefly thanks to its program of generous subsidies to families with children and to the elderly. Morawiecki vowed all these programs will be continued.

The government's high spending has caused concern among some economists and ordinary Poles

about the condition of state finances, especially after inflation started to rise this year.


Morawiecki noted that the state finances were helped by an increase in state income, such as value-added sales tax and corporate

income tax, and better collection of personal income tax. Significant funds are also expected from a tax on pension funds, from the sale of 5G wireless licenses and green gas certificates, and by reducing state administration jobs. □




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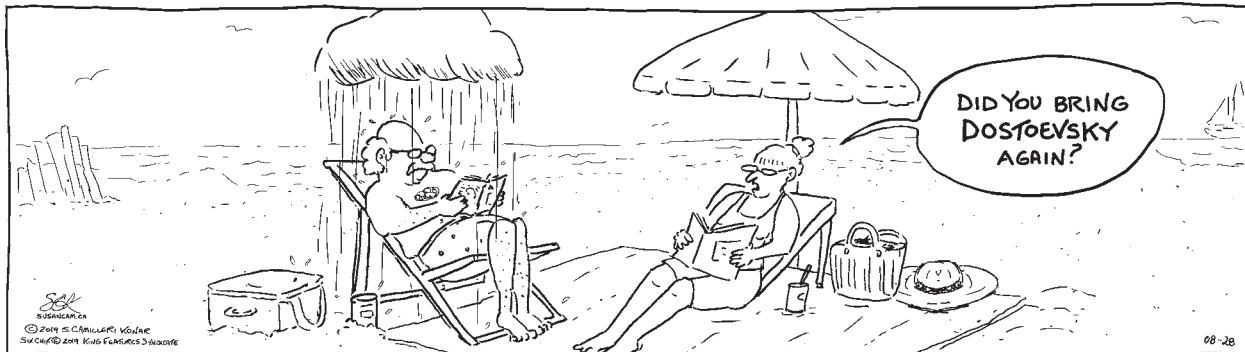
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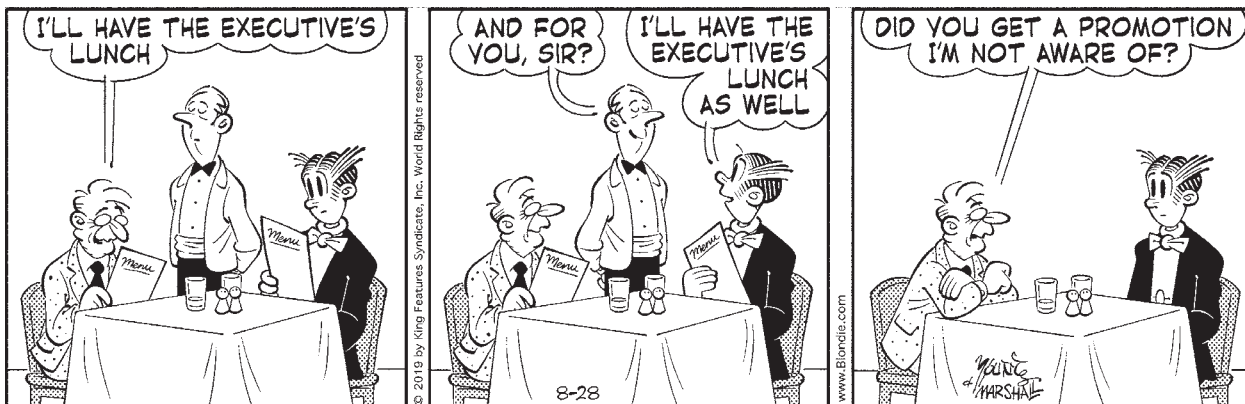
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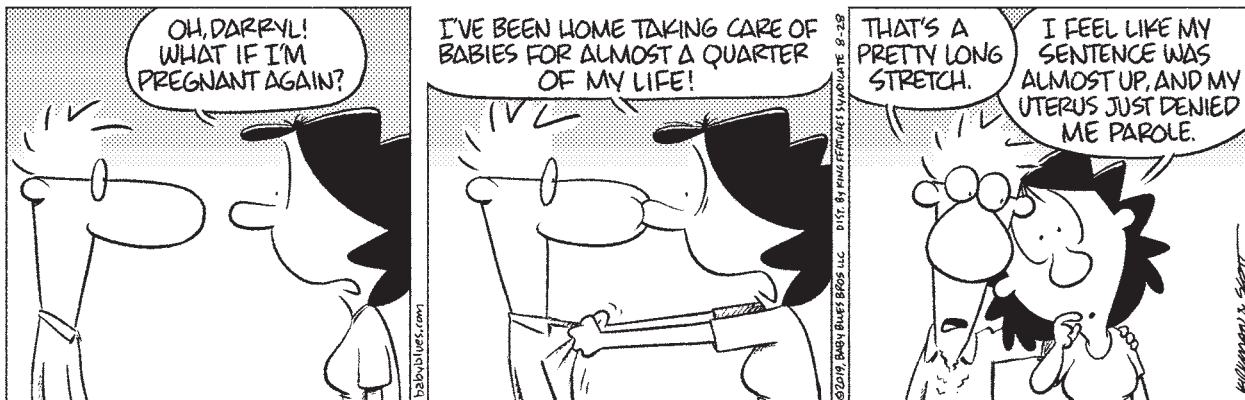
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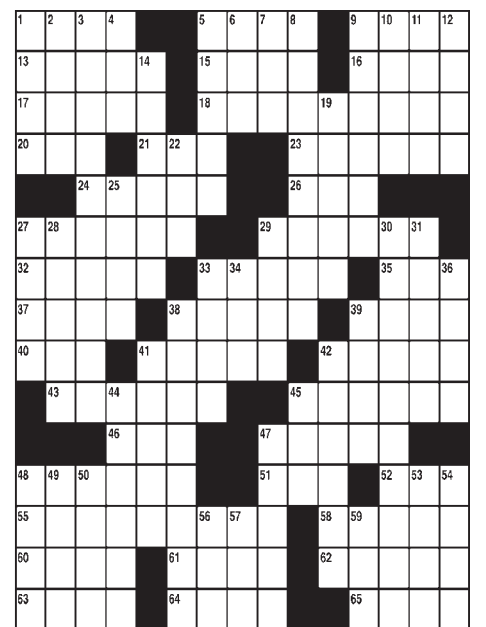
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6	5	3	1	2	9	7	4	8
9	2	1	8	7	4	6	5	3
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- 1 Middle of simile
5 Julia Child, for one
9 One of the Maverick brothers
13 Deadbeat
15 Make well
16 In concert
17 Tomato __; marinara ingredient
18 Cures
20 __ lift; slope transport
21 Sever
23 Sellers and Fonda
24 Spinnaker & jib
26 Tap gently
27 Felt sorry for
29 Awning
32 2nd U.S. president
33 Has nothing to do with
35 Ruby or maroon
37 Elected officials; abbr.
38 Square one
39 Lunch spot
40 Tic __; breath mint
41 Remains
42 Soldier's gun
43 Envelope contents
45 Most certain
46 Battery size
47 Money hoarder
48 Like a piercing scream
51 " __ a Wonderful Life"
52 Napoleon's title; abbr.
55 Car's rear illumination
58 "Sesame Street" fellow
60 Likewise
61 __ as a pin
62 __ on; attaches



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- 63 Thirst quencher
64 Birthstones
65 Bump into

DOWN

- 1 European range
2 Marinade
3 Help
4 Profit
5 British fellows
6 Kind of party
7 Chow down
8 Disrespectful
9 Very drunk
10 Formality
11 At any time
12 Actress Harper
14 __ on; has confidence in
19 __ list
22 As __ as the hills
25 Targets
27 History
28 Just right
29 Mongrels
30 First choice
31 Shrieks

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34 Alfalfa, for one
36 Try to lose
38 Shopping
39 Crucial; urgent
41 Drag one's feat
42 Baking potato
44 Suit alterer
45 Take a load off
47 Romney & others
48 Rough guess
49 Robust
50 Stand up
53 Wallace of TV
54 Pain in the neck
56 Seventh letter
57 Pork cut
59 Bash

Grower: 5,000 in Louisiana medical marijuana program so far

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Two weeks after Louisiana patients began receiving medical marijuana, the program is humming along without supply disruption and with thousands of people receiving the drug for medical use, regulatory officials and the head of one growing operation said Monday.

John Davis, president of GB Sciences Louisiana, one of two state-sanctioned medical marijuana growers, said Louisiana has about 5,000 cannabis patients so far.

Louisiana became the first Deep South state to dispense medical marijuana on Aug. 6, four years after state lawmakers agreed to give patients access to medicinal-grade pot. Nine medical marijuana pharmacies have been permitted to dispense the products, with the first cannabis available in a flavored liquid tincture, a bottle containing a dropper to use. "The feedback that we're getting from patients is really overwhelming, with patients who were having epileptic seizures of 18 a day now down to two,"

Davis told a panel of state regulators who meet regularly to update the public on the medical marijuana program. Concerns that patients could face interruptions in supply since only one of the state's two growers has a product in pharmacies haven't panned out in the early days of the program. "It appears the supply chain is working perfectly, or as well as it can be," Davis said. "We're able to satisfy the demands that are out there."

Agriculture Commissioner Mike Strain, whose department oversees the medical marijuana program, urged: "We don't want to run out" now that people are taking the drug to ease pain and other medical conditions. Louisiana is one of more than 30 other states that allow medical marijuana in some form.

Under the 2015 law and additional changes passed since then, Louisiana is allowing medical marijuana to treat a long list of diseases and disorders, such as cancer, seizure disorders, epilepsy, glaucoma, post-traumatic stress disorder and Parkinson's disease. □

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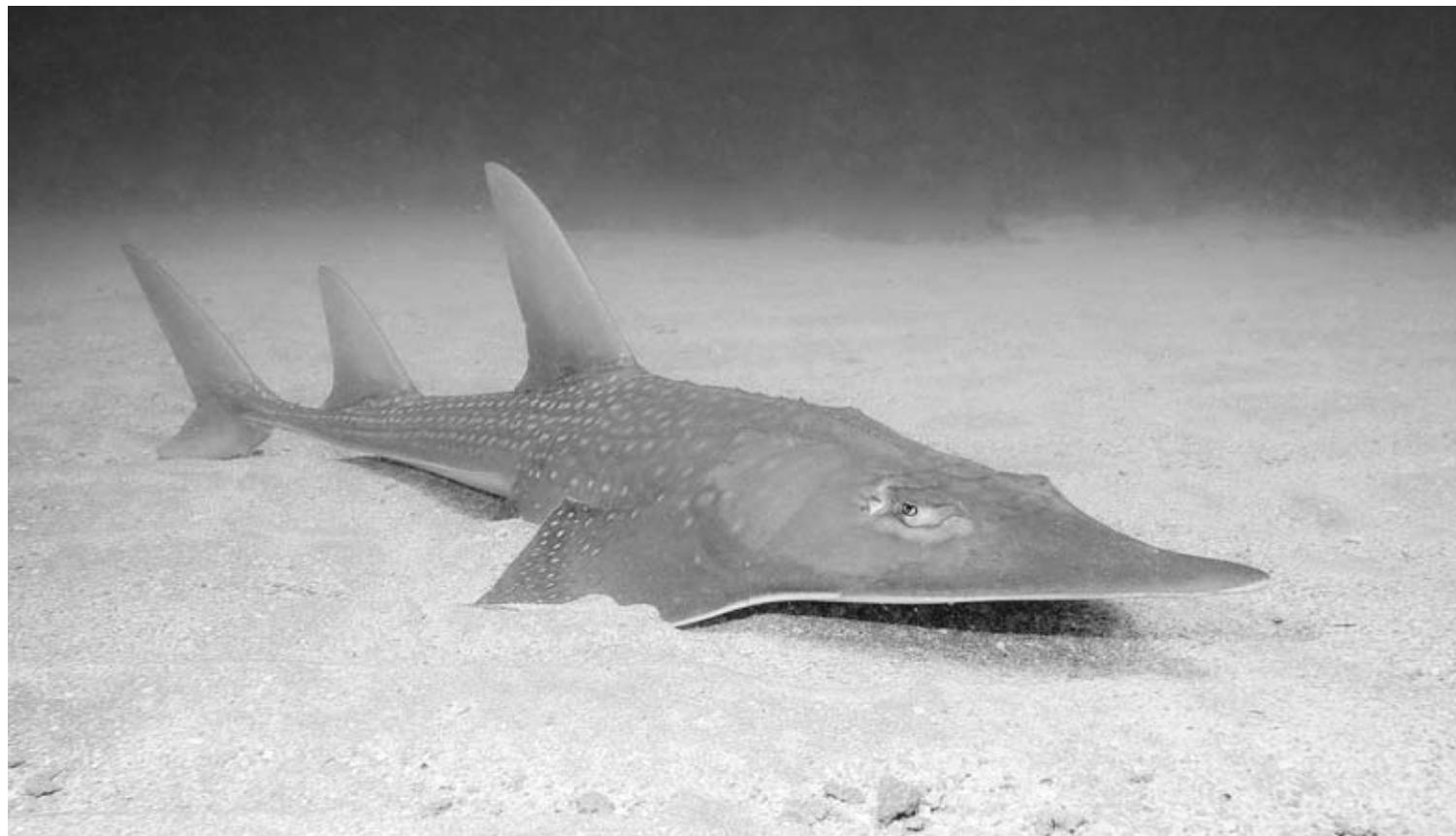
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Extinction bites: countries agree to protect sharks and rays



This undated photo made available by The Pew Charitable Trusts shows the wedgetfish taken on the Protea Banks, just off the Kwa-Zulu Natal Province, in South Africa.

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GENEVA (AP) — Countries have agreed to protect more than a dozen shark species at risk of extinction, in a move aimed at conserving some of the ocean's most awe-inspiring creatures who have themselves become prey to commercial fishing and the Chinese appetite for shark fin soup.

Three proposals covering the international trade of 18 types of mako sharks, wedgetfishes and guitarfishes each passed with a needed two-thirds majority in a committee of the World Wildlife Conference known as CITES on Sunday. "Today we are one step closer to protecting the fastest shark in the ocean, as well as the most threatened," said Jen Sawada, who directs The Pew Charitable Trusts' shark conservation work. The measures

don't ban fishing these sharks and rays, but any trade must be sustainable. The move isn't final but is a key sign before an official decision at its plenary this coming week.

Conservationists applauded and exchanged hugs after the tallies. Opponents variously included China, Iceland, Japan, Malaysia and New Zealand. The U.S. voted against the mako shark measure, but supported the other two.

Critics variously argued that the measures distanced CITES from its initial mandate to protect endangered land animals and plants, not marine life, and insisted the science didn't back up the call to increase protections. They also noted that that millions of Mako sharks exist and even the CITES secretariat advised against the protections.

But proponents countered that stocks of sharks are in a deep dive, with tens of millions killed each year, and that measures need to be taken now — with what they call some of the most significant rules ever adopted for trade in shark parts.

Rima Jabado, a shark expert and lead scientist of the Gulf Elasmobranch project, said many of the species included in the CITES proposals are classified as "critically endangered." Jabado said there has been an 80% decline in the number of wedgetfishes, based on available data. Like giant guitarfishes, the enigmatic wedgetfish has an elongated triangle-shaped head and can be found in oceans in Southeast Asia, the Arabian Sea and East Africa.

Makos are the world's fastest sharks, reaching speeds of up to 80 mph (nearly 130 kph). But they often get caught up in the nets of fishing trawlers hunting for tuna.

Several countries with large fishing fleets, including Japan, opposed the measure to protect mako sharks.

"Japan has been highly dependent on (live) marine resources from the ancient

times," said Hideki Moronuki, director of fisheries negotiations at the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. "It's very, very important for us in Japan to sustainably use all those marine riches," he said. He was among those who noted that even the CITES secretariat had recommended rejecting the mako shark proposal. CITES concluded that "with the possible but uncertain exception of the Mediterranean, the population of (mako sharks) does not seem to have declined below the 30% threshold in different ocean regions" and that "it is currently not projected that declines would continue."

Still, Jabado said some species of sharks and rays are becoming so difficult to find in the wild that scientists only often see them when they are on sale at local fish markets.

"How are we ever going to save these species if we only see them when fishermen bring them in?" she said, adding that even if actions are taken now, it will be decades before shark populations start to recover. Losing more sharks and rays could also have other unintended conse-

quences since they are top ocean predators and help to balance the ecosystems, Jabado said.

Scientists warn that although warming oceans and climate change are also hurting sharks, it is the demand for shark fin soup that is threatening to drive some species to extinction. The Pew Trust estimates that between 63 million and 273 million sharks are killed every year, mostly to feed the shark fin trade centered in Hong Kong.

Dried shark fin can draw up to \$1,000 per kilogram. The fins are often turned into shark fin soup, a Chinese delicacy that symbolizes good fortune, in which the gelatinous fin is served in a broth whose recipe dates back to the 10th-century Song Dynasty. Fishermen often slice off a shark's fin while the animal is still alive before tossing the writhing carcass back into the ocean.

While Chinese celebrities like retired basketball star Yao Ming are trying to persuade diners to abandon the soup, many aren't convinced.

"Shark fin soup is a Chinese tradition so why should I stop eating it?" Wilson Kwan said outside a seafood restaurant in London's Chinatown. "I know some people say it's cruel to sharks, but sharks are killers too."

Last year, there were an estimated 66 unprovoked shark attacks on humans globally, including four fatalities, according to the Florida Museum, which tracks such incidents. It is exceedingly rare for sharks to bite humans — and when they do, it's often because they have mistaken them for seals or other prey. Conservationists say movies like "Jaws" have unfairly maligned society's perception of sharks and in turn, made it difficult to garner support to protect them.

"People would be outraged if they were serving dolphins in restaurants," said Graham Buckingham of the British shark group, Bite-Back. "But because it's a shark, they think it's perfectly OK." □



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Taylor Swift taps into her joyful side with 'Lover'

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

Taylor Swift, "Lover" (Republic Records)

If you want an easy way to see how far Taylor Swift has come since her last album, just compare the two covers. If 2017's "reputation" featured a photo of Swift unsmiling in black and white, "Lover" is an explosion of color, clouds and sparkles.

The superb new 18-track collection finds Swift looking backward and forward through the lens of love — both present and absent, lustfully and wistfully, friendly and concerned. She calls it a "love letter to love itself." It's a remarkable look at the various hues love can take. A songwriter long associated with bright red is painting now in blues and golds. "I want to be defined by the things I love — not the things I hate," she writes in the album notes and repeats in the final song, "Daylight."

For many of the songs, she's reunited with producer Jack Antonoff. This time, they've hacked away at a lot of the previous electronic clutter to show off Swift and her rich pop songwriting.

The album kicks off with the trop-hop "I Forgot You Existed," which seems to reference her old feud with once-friend Kim Kardashian, whom she slammed in "This Is Why We Can't Have Nice Things." Now, with genuine laughter, she admits she's just indifferent. Chapter closed, moving on.

Most of "Lover" is exuberant and a return to the diaristic Swift of the past. She seems to revel in the hard-fought happiness she's found with her boyfriend of three years, the Englishman Joe Alwyn, the obvious source of "London Boy."

Things are getting serious, apparently. In the Go-Go's-ish "Paper Rings" she suggests "you're the one I want," while the album's title track even contains Swift singing a mock wedding vow. On "Cornelia Street," she's frightened that one day he'll walk away.

Last time out, Swift was a cool villain, settling scores. Now she's joyfully doing a duet with Brendon Urie of Panic! At the Disco on "ME!", a slice of self-love. She's refreshingly contrite on "Afterglow" and reaching out to a pal in the unaffected "It's Nice to Have a Friend."

Not everything is hugs and giggles, of course. There's a fair amount of tears, drunken regret and break-ups. (There's even a health scare in the understated ballad "Soon You'll Get Better," which features the Dixie Chicks, fiddle and banjo.) "Cruel Summer" (with writing help from Vincent) and "Death by a Thousand Cuts" are about love gone really, really bad.

There are interesting touch-

es throughout, including a sax in "False God" and a cameo by Idris Elba (a snippet from "The Late Late Show with James Corden"). She name-drops Leonardo DiCaprio and Drake, while calling herself a "Tennessee Stella McCartney." The song "Miss Americana & the Heartbreak Prince" is the album's most ambitious track, reaching for something deeper than just a high school moment.

The album ends with one of Swift's most introspective songs, "Daylight," in which she sings of waking from a 20-year dark night.

Now, in the light, she can see "I wounded the good and I trusted the wicked." On this and all the previous others, she absolutely shines. □



This cover image released by Republic Records shows "Lover", the latest release by Taylor Swift.

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Brody's take: Adam Brody dishes on career and his TV habits



Actor Adam Brody poses for a portrait on Monday, Aug. 12, 2019, in New York.

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By ALICIA RANCILIO

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — In Adam Brody's new movie "Ready or Not," in theaters Wednesday, he's part of an ultra-rich family with an odd marriage ritual: When someone marries into the family, that person must pick a card to play a random game on their wedding night. The catch: The game may be deadly. While it's a horror film, the movie is also funny and Brody's character Daniel adds to that levity.

"He's pretty disgusted with his family — including his wife. And himself. And the ritual. He does undercut the stakes or the seriousness every chance he can get," Brody said.

Brody, whose big break was on the Fox soapy drama "The OC" from 2003 to 2007, has been steadily working in recent years. Earlier this year, he appeared in "Shazam!" and will soon begin filming the first season of the FX anthology series "Mrs. America" and the indie film "Kid Detective."

Brody also talked about working with his wife and their TV habits and more on

filming "Ready or Not" with The Associated Press. The comments have been edited for clarity and length.

AP: "Ready or Not" is a funny horror movie. What was the mood on set?

Brody: We were all sitting in a room between setups on our phones and talking and getting to know each other in the middle of the night and all hours of the day, so you get sort of punchy. I do think a lot of people who sort of specialize in that dark stuff on screen are some of the lightest people. And then you go on something you think is gonna be a fun comedy and you're like, 'Why is this guy so?' stressed?

AP: You appeared in the season finale of your wife Leighton Meester's comedy series 'Single Parents' as her ex, and you're returning for season two. Did you like the idea of playing a not-so-nice guy on the show?

Brody: It's perfect. It's exactly what I'd want. I get to work with her. I get to be the father of her child, but I'm also an idiot. I just want to be a character. I don't want to go in there and be like a straight man,

romantic guy. I want to be a dummy (laughter.)

AP: Are there any TV shows that you two have to watch together?

Brody: 'Real Time with Bill Maher.' We always watch Bill Maher together. That's hard because it's topical and I lose interest if we get to another news cycle and we haven't seen it yet. ... I love the show. I think it's one of the more honest conversations. First of all, it's funny, it's entertaining, but also I think because of the air of humor and also you can be off-color and can cuss, you get at a greater truth. AP: What about any reality TV like 'The Bachelor'?

Brody: We did do a few seasons of 'The Bachelor' and liked it. We had our fun with it. I get it on one hand, and on the other hand, they bleach it of all humanity which is weird. I'm not saying they find the most interesting people but they're going in a helicopter to the top of a mountain, I'm sure something was said that's funny, you know? Or some interesting observation. Or something about the backstory of somebody's life. They really whittle it down. □

Jolie shares pride in son Maddox, joining Marvel movie



Angelina Jolie attends the "Go Behind the Scenes with the Walt Disney Studios," press line at the 2019 D23 Expo, Saturday, Aug. 24, 2019, in Anaheim, Calif.

Associated Press

By RYAN PEARSON

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Angelina Jolie says she's "so proud" that her 18-year-old son is leaving home to study biochemistry in South

Korea.

The actress was seen in video released several days ago dropping her son Maddox off at Yonsei University in Seoul, and holding

back tears.

"I didn't realize everybody had watched me do it," she said Saturday at the D23 expo in Anaheim, California. "It felt very private when we were there and just fun. But the school is so wonderful and we're so proud that he's there. And it's a great university and I'm just amazed I have a son who's that smart."

Jolie is in two upcoming Disney movies: a sequel to "Maleficent" and Marvel Studios' "Eternals."

"They called me — but I was so happy. I think I just didn't see myself that way. I thought I was kind of ready to direct and sit home," Jolie said of joining "Eternals." "I was but now I'm now I'm going to be dressing in gold and jumping around." □

Venice Film Festival to host Oscar hopefuls, controversy

By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

It may be the oldest film festival in the world but at 76, the Venice International Film Festival is more relevant and divisive than ever. Kicking off Wednesday in the normally sleepy beach town of Lido, this year's festival has already become a hotbed for discussion about the Oscar hopefuls launching there, its embrace of controversial filmmakers like Roman Polanski and Nate Parker in the #MeToo era and its lack of female directors.

Among the highest-profile films debuting in competition for the prestigious Golden Lion Award, which last year went to Alfonso Cuarón's "Roma," include: James Gray's space epic "Ad Astra" starring Brad Pitt; Noah Baumbach's divorce drama "Marriage Story" starring Scarlett Johansson; Steven Soderbergh's Panama Papers comedy "The Laundromat," with Meryl Streep; "Waiting for the Barbarians," a J.M. Coetzee adaptation with Johnny Depp and Robert Pattinson; and "Joker," an unconventional, Martin Scorsese-inspired origin story about Batman's foe starring Joaquin Phoenix.

For "Joker" director and co-writer Todd Phillips, the festival debut will be helpful in "educating the audience" before it opens in theaters on Oct. 4.

"We don't want to mislead people," Phillips said. "Comic book movies have been these giant, great spectacles and this is truly a character study."

But only two of the 21 films in competition are from female directors: Shannon Murphy in her directing debut with "Babyteeth," starring Ben Mendelsohn, and "The Perfect Candidate" from Saudi Arabian director Haifaa Al-Mansour about a young Saudi female doctor who decides to run for office. It's an increase from last year, which only had Jennifer Kent's "The Nightingale," but still far from equal.

On top of that, one of the coveted competition slots



In this Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, file photo, jury member Naomi Watts poses for photographers upon arrival at the closing ceremony of the 75th edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy.

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went to Roman Polanski's espionage thriller "An Officer and a Spy." The "Rosemary's Baby" director has been a fugitive for more than 40 years. He fled the U.S. after pleading guilty to unlawful sex with a minor.

The festival is also hosting the premiere of "American Skin," the first film from Nate Parker since a rape allegation from his past derailed the release of his Nat Turner biopic "The Birth of a Nation" in 2016.

Melissa Silverstein, the founder and publisher of the website Women and Hollywood and co-founder of the Athena Film Festival, has been one of the most vocal critics of the programming, which festival director Alberto Barbera has defended as worthy choices.

"There are festivals that are committed to making systemic change and those that felt forced to be a part of an agenda they had no interest in. The Venice Film Festival is clearly in latter camp," Silverstein said. "The only way a festival can change is if the leadership wants it to change. Nobody is expecting the change to be easy, but the message this festival is sending is that abusers are more welcome than women directors."

A spot at Venice has helped launch careers, like Al-Mansour, Saudi Arabia's first female director, whose first feature "Wadjda" played at Venice in 2012.

"Venice has been really an important launch for my career. This time I'm in the competition so hopefully this marks a new stage in

my life as I grow as a director," Al-Mansour said. "I'm very grateful for the opportunity to bring my voice to the world with such an amazing platform for filmmakers. But (it's) still very nerve-racking. It's a big screen and it's a big festival."

She would like to see more women in competition, as would Olivier Assayas, who also debuted his first feature there over 30 years ago and credits the festival for putting him "on the map."

Known for writing and directing films with complex female leads, Assayas is coming this year with "Wasp Network," based on the stories of the "Cuban Five," a spy ring in the 1990s that was controversially arrested and imprisoned by

the United States. It stars Edgar Ramirez, Penelope Cruz and Ana de Armas and was partially filmed in Cuba.

"For a movie like this it is very important to be in Venice, and Toronto and New York," Assayas said. "It gives us the kind of visibility we need."

Venice is the unofficial start of the fall film festival season, with the Toronto International Film Festival and Telluride and New York festivals following shortly after. It helps define the films in awards discussion until the Oscars in February. Last year saw the debuts of Oscar winners like "A Star Is Born," "Roma" and "The Favourite," while in 2017 Venice premiered the eventual best picture winner "The Shape of Water."

It's also one of the friendlier festivals for streaming. Netflix is bringing three films this year: "Marriage Story," "The Laundromat," and David Michod's "The King," an adaptation of several Shakespeare plays starring Timothée Chalamet.

Julie Andrews is being honored with the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement, which will coincide with a retrospective screening of "Victor Victoria," directed by her late husband Blake Edwards. The festival opens Wednesday night with the premiere of "The Truth," Hirokazu Kore-eda's first film set outside of Japan, which stars Catherine Deneuve as a French movie star Juliette Binoche as her estranged screenwriter daughter. □

Margaret Atwood among 2019 Center for Fiction honorees

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Literary agent Lynn Nesbit and Margaret Atwood and some of the forces behind the Hulu adaptation of her novel "The Handmaid's Tale" will be this year's honorees at the Center for Fiction's benefit and awards dinner.

The Center announced Tuesday that Nesbit would receive the Maxwell E. Perkins Award, given to an editor, publisher, or agent who has discovered, nurtured and championed

fiction writers. Nesbit's clients have included Jeffrey Eugenides, Anne Rice and Tom Wolfe. Atwood, Hulu executive Craig Erwich and Bruce Miller, creator and showrunner of the Hulu "Handmaid's Tale" series will be presented the center's first ever On Screen Award for an adaptation that reflects the "complexity and vision of great novels." The ceremony will be held Dec. 10 in New York. □



This April 13, 2018 file photo shows author Margaret Atwood at Variety's Power of Women: New York event in New York.

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Back to Chiapas 25 years after covering rebel uprising

By ANITA SNOW

Associated Press

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — We

rode up to the mountain towns of Mexico's southern state of Chiapas and straight into the aftermath of an army shootout with rebels.

It was Jan. 2, 1994, and The Associated Press had sent a photographer and me to investigate reports of an uprising in the highlands city of San Cristobal de las Casas. Just outside town, we were shaken to discover the bodies of 14 rebels strewn across a grassy slope and the two-lane road.

Twenty-five years later, I returned to Chiapas on a very different kind of trip, traveling along that curvy mountain road right past the slope that had been the scene of so much bloodshed.

During the visit earlier this year, I was finally going to see the waterfalls and pyramids I didn't have time to visit during the hectic early days of the uprising by the Zapatista National Liberation Army. And this time, I was traveling with my boyfriend, on his first visit to one of Mexico's most visually lavish regions.

After getting settled in the La Joya boutique hotel that opened a few years ago in San Cristobal, we hooked up with a local tour company and climbed into a minivan with other tourists. A winding, hours-long ride on the state's main highway



This Feb. 13, 2019 photo shows two visitors at Misol Ha waterfall, tucked away in the rainforest of Chiapas state, in southern Mexico.

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took us past small towns and jungle vegetation and finally to the waterfalls I had heard so much about during my earlier reporting trips a quarter-century before: Agua Azul and Misol Ha. Named for a distinctive turquoise blue caused by the water's mineral content, Agua Azul is a series of cascades, some nearly 20 feet (6 meters) high, located deep in the rainforest. The stunning Misol Ha is quite different, a single cascade of some 115 feet (35 meters) spilling into a

pool encircled by tropical greenery.

Several more hours in the minivan took us to the Mayan ruins of Palenque, a 7th century former city-state of stone temples surrounded by centuries-old red cedar, sapodilla and mahogany trees. The cries of howler monkeys emanated in the distance, where stone structures evoking the old Indiana Jones movies were draped with jungle vegetation.

A late-night, hours-long ride took us back to San Cristobal and the stylish La Joya, which is operated by an American couple celebrated by clients for their sumptuous breakfasts and attentive service.

The next day, we made the short drive to the whitewashed church in the town of San Juan Chamula, where ancient indigenous rituals mix with Christian beliefs. Families sat on the dirt floor scattered with pine needles, burning large candles affixed to the ground with hot wax, drinking cups of sugar-cane liquor and sacrificing live chickens in healing ceremonies.

Back in San Cristobal, I found the same city I had

known during reporting trips a quarter-century before, just with more chain stores and other development around the outskirts and lots of new cars plying the streets.

The orange-toned Hotel Santa Clara, where many journalists stayed while covering the rebellion and subsequent peace talks in 1994, still stood at a corner of the city's main plaza. A few blocks away, the La Joya hotel where we were registered was discretely hidden behind a wall with

no street advertising on Real de Guadalupe.

Nearby was the circa-1528 cathedral where the now late-Bishop Samuel Ruiz had served as a mediator for early talks between the government and the rebels named for Mexican Revolution leader Emiliano Zapata. But on this year's trip, the cathedral was closed for restoration work following an earthquake.

At the market outside the Santo Domingo Dominican convent, indigenous women still sold necklaces and earrings of silver and amber, and mountains of colorful textiles. I found fewer Mayan people dressed in traditional clothing, although many older women still wore the elaborately embroidered blouses called huipiles (wee-PEE-les).

And everywhere, there were signs the Mayan people in one of Mexico's poorest and most isolated states remain independent and rebellious in the city named for Bartolome de las Casas, a 16th century Dominican friar and the first resident Bishop of Chiapas, who wrote about the atrocities Spanish colonizers committed against the indigenous people. "Stop the terrorism of the state," reads in part one of several defiant slogans spray-painted on the side of San Cristobal's municipal palace, which the Zapatistas seized during their uprising a quarter-century before. □



This Feb. 13, 2019 photo shows the Temple of Inscriptions, considered to be the Mayan site's most impressive structure at the ruins of Palenque in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas, where the burial tomb of the ruler Pakal is located inside.

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This Feb. 14, 2019 photo shows a whitewashed church where the community's Maya people mix ancient indigenous rituals mix with Christian beliefs in San Juan Chamula in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas.

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